



BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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School Policy – Electronic Device Policy

Background:

Bayside students will not be permitted to bring personal electronic devices to school. Research has shown that these devices (Cellphones, gaming systems, I-Pads, MP3 players, Smart watches, etc.) pose a major form of distraction in a school setting. Although Social Media can have good uses, there are many cases where it is pervasive and unhealthy. There is the potential for violations of safety and privacy. It can also be a means for harassment and bullying.

Many of our students do not get the opportunity to practice interpersonal skills due to increased amounts of “screen time.” Electronic devices cut into student engagement in all settings of school life. Critical thinking and communication skills can be enhanced without the distraction of electronics.

Devices should be kept at home. Parents can contact their children by calling the main line at the school and students can be paged at breaks to get a message. We will allow office phone use at breaks and lunch hour. Students will be given messages during class only in emergency situations.

Policy Statement:

- Students are not permitted to have personal electronic devices at school.

Specific Actions:

If a student is found using or seen with an electronic device at school, the following procedure will be followed:

- 1) The device will be delivered to the office by the student.
- 2) In the office, the device will be logged in and kept in a secure location.
- 3) Caregivers will be notified.
- 4) The office will be open until 4pm each day for parents who need to retrieve confiscated devices. If a student is using a personal electronic device, the following procedure will be followed:

1st Occurrence: Caregivers will be called, and the student will pick up the phone at the office at the end of the day.

2nd Occurrence: Caregivers will be called. They will be responsible for picking up the device at the office by 4pm.

3rd Occurrence: Caregivers will be called and will be responsible for picking up the device. A meeting will be scheduled with Administration, and an incident report will be entered in PowerSchool.

4th Occurrence: Caregivers will be called and will be responsible for picking up the device. Student will receive a one-day in-school suspension.

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