

Northern Hills Cell Phone Policy

As we learn and understand more about cell phones in schools, we realize that a better technology is needed in classrooms to support student learning. As a result, we have increased the number of Chromebooks in classrooms to support students! In addition, we have realized that cell phones in the classroom may distract from students' learning, decrease achievement, and decrease the happiness of our students.

Expectations for Storage of Devices in School:

- Devices are **REQUIRED** to be stored in your locker.
- NHMS is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen devices.
- Students are **NOT** allowed to carry their cell phone on them during the school day.

Expectations and Rules for usage at NHMS:

- The electronic device may be used before school and after school.
- The electronic device may be checked at your locker during passing time. It is required to remain at your locker.
- The electronic device is not allowed during the day in the locker room, lunchroom, media center, and any classroom.
- Using a cell phone to capture, record and/or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without proper consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted.

Rules for usage at NHMS:

- Devices will only be used during the times before and after school. Students may check their device while at their locker during passing time.
- Devices will be used responsibly during these times.

Lunch/Media Center:

- Cell phones are **NOT** permitted during the school day in the lunchroom or media center

Consequences for misuse:

Should a student choose to violate the NHMS Cell Phone Policy and/or use his/her cell phone inappropriately during the allowed times, the following will occur:

- **1st Offense:** Staff member secures the device and turns device into the Main Office. The student may pick up the device from the Main Office at the end of the school day.
- **2nd Offense:** Staff member secures the device and turns device into the Main Office. The student will receive a Lunch Detention and may pick up the device from the Main Office at the end of the school day.
- **3rd Offense:** Staff member secures the device and turns device into the Main Office. The student will receive 2 Lunch Detentions. A parent/guardian will be required to pick up the device from the Main Office.
- Additional offenses may result in loss of privilege of bringing a cell phone to school, additional school level consequences such as but not limited to detentions, and a parent/guardian meeting.