

1. Phone/Electronics Policy

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES, INCLUDING PAGING DEVICES, CELLULAR PHONES, WALKIE-TALKIES AND SIMILAR DEVICES

Students will not use any electronic communication device, including but not limited to, cellular phones, smart phones, walkie-talkies, and similar devices during instructional time (except for approved instructional purposes) and must not interfere with the educational mission of the school or pose a safety hazard. Texting and cell phone use is permitted before school, in the halls during transition, the lunch period in the cafeteria/picnic area or after school. Students are expected to adhere to the following rules relative to electronic communication devices:

- (1) Phones must be turned completely off and put away out of view (as directed by the school) during instructional time (every class period), except for approved instructional purposes;
- (2) No text messaging is allowed, except for approved instructional purposes;
- (3) Students with serious medical conditions or other unusual circumstances may be given special permission by the school principal to use this device if it is determined to be essential for the health of the student.

Parents/guardians are asked to refrain from calling, e-mailing, or texting their student during instructional time. In the event of an emergency, the parent/guardian may contact the student via the school's phone system. POSSESSION OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT. All violations of these expectations will result in confiscation of the device. Moreover, the confiscated device will be returned only to the parent/guardian. The school is not responsible for personal electronic devices on school property or at school sponsored events.

- No cell phones, camcorders, video recorders, or cameras are allowed in restrooms or locker rooms. It should be noted that no one is allowed to take pictures or video of other persons in any area of the school without the express permission of the principal.
- All cell phone use must be respectful and non-disruptive to students and staff.
- Phones must always remain silent throughout the school day. Parents / Guardians, please note you can contact your child via their cell phone during the lunch period. In the event of an immediate emergency, please call the school's main office: (678) 874-8502.
- The staff of Dunwoody High School requests your FULL co-operation with our policy.
- It should be noted that the school nor any of its employees are responsible for the loss or damage to any student's phone or electronic device. It is the responsibility of the student to adhere to this policy and to always secure his or her belongings. Classes and or instruction will not be stopped to deal with or search for lost phones/devices.

1st cell infraction: Parent/Teacher Conference (face to face, phone or Teams/Zoom)

2nd cell infraction: Discipline referral (detention and conference with administrator)

3rd cell infraction: Discipline referral (In-School Suspension)