

Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy

In accordance with Indiana Senate Bill 78 and district policy, student use of personal communication devices, including cell phones, smart watches, and other personal electronic devices, is not permitted during the school day. To address this new legislation, upon entering any Heartland program classroom or lab, students will be expected:

1. to place all of their personal electronic devices (cell phone, smart watch, wireless headphones, etc.) in the secure organizer, which is placed in each classroom/lab. **OR**
 2. leave items at home or at the student's sending high school
 3. unless otherwise authorized by school staff for instructional or medical purposes as pursuant to Senate Bill 78 subsection (d)
 - a. included in the student's individualized education program; or
 - b. included in the student's plan developed under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794; or
 - c. necessary for the management of a documented medical condition pursuant to a physician's directive;
 - d. authorized by the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, during an emergency; or
 - e. necessary for language translation to ensure access for multi-lingual learners, prioritizing school-managed wireless communication devices or applications where available.
- The school will not be responsible for lost or damaged personal devices.
 - Students will be able to retrieve their cell phones and other personal electronic devices at the conclusion of their class time.

****Students who violate the cell phone/electronic device policy will receive the following consequences as shown on the Heartland Discipline Consequences Flow Chart.

- 1st violation - Warning, Phone call home, phone is sent back to sending school administrator
- 2nd violation - One day In-School detention at Heartland during student's normal class time
- 3rd violation - One day of Out of School suspension
- 4th violation - Three days of Out of School Suspension
- 5th violation - Five days of Out of School Suspension

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