

Cell Phones, Smart Watches and Other Wireless Communication Devices

The possession of a cellular telephone or any type of wireless communication device is not, in itself, a violation of the Student Conduct and Discipline Code (SCDC). Students are allowed possession of cell phones; however, when the cell phone disrupts the educational process, the cell phone is used on a school campus during school hours (between 8:39 a.m.-2:45 p.m.), or the cell phone is used while a student is being transported on a school district-owned vehicle, then it would be a violation of the SCDC. For the purpose of this code, "use" is defined as permitting the device to be in plain sight during the prohibited times and in the locations described above. When it is determined that use has occurred in violation of this policy, then the device will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. If this violation occurs again then the cell phone will be confiscated and returned to the parent upon his/her request. Use of a wireless communication device in violation of this policy includes the possibility of the imposition of disciplinary action by the school or criminal penalties if the device is used in a criminal act.

We do have a Bring Your Own Device Program that allows students to connect to the District Wireless Network and Internet for classroom use. A student must complete and submit a Form #356 (provided in student's first day packet) to participate in the BYOD program.

Bring Your Own Device

Students are allowed to bring and use their own personal technology device to connect to the District wireless network and Internet for use during classroom instructional activities directed by instructional personnel. The District is not liable for content that is accessed or charges that may be incurred if a student chooses to use his/her personal data plan to access the internet. Each user is responsible for his/her device and is expected to use it appropriately. Responsibility to keep personal technology secure rests with the individual owner. MCSD is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. MCSD will NOT replace or provide financial restitution for any stolen or damaged personal electronic device. The use of technology to access educational material is a privilege. When abused, privileges will be revoked and disciplinary consequences will be issued. All students and parents must sign the Responsible Use Guideline Agreement acknowledging and adhering to the following but not limited to:

- Devices are only allowed to be used in the classroom with teacher permission and for educational purposes only.
- Devices will NOT be allowed in the common areas (outside café, hallways, courtyard, media center, gym).
- Devices must be in silent mode while on school campus and while riding the bus.
- Students are not allowed to use any device to photograph or record (either audio or video format) another person on school property at any time.
- Devices may not be used for any purpose that promotes academic dishonesty.
- Students are prohibited from processing or accessing information by "hacking", altering, or bypassing MCSD network security policies.
- Students will not participate in any behavior utilizing their personal device on or off campus that "materially or substantially interferes with school operations" and/or creates a "substantial disruption to the educational process".

If such behavior(s) occurs, disciplinary action will be issued as deemed appropriate by the MCSD Code of Conduct and MCHS Student Parent Handbook.