

Grosse Pointe South High School
National Exemplary School



Personal Electronic Device (P.E.D.) Policy

Building Expectations:

1. There are certain behaviors related to electronic device use that are unacceptable at all times, not only during the school day, but in general society as well. Threats, harassment, photos/video, sexting, plagiarism, cheating, copyright violation, etc. can result in disciplinary consequences as well as potential legal charges.
2. Students will be allowed to use their electronic device during passing time and during lunch. Students will understand that fellow classmates who are in class during lunch time are restricted to electronics use - based on the classroom standards listed below.
3. Teachers will select a classroom standard regarding cell phone use. Each classroom teacher will set the appropriate level of acceptable usage as outlined below:



Red Light: Cell phones and electronic devices are not allowed by the classroom teacher for the current activity/time period. Devices should be silenced, put away and ear buds removed.

Green Light: Cell phones and electronic devices are allowed by the classroom teacher for the current activity/time period. Students will be professional in the use of their devices and understand that the use of technology is for instructional and academic purposes only.

When a change in standard takes place during class time, teachers will make a verbal announcement and change the classroom sign to reflect either “green light” or “red light”.

4. Students will be considered "in-class" once the bell rings. Should a student have their electronic device out during posted prohibited times, the student will comply with the consequences outlined below:

Device is IN USE, VIEWABLE or SOUNDS without teacher permission during class period:	
1st offense	Teacher warning. Student must put device away and ensure it is silenced.
2nd offense	Device is confiscated by faculty and held until the end of the day in teacher’s classroom or the main office.
3rd offense	Device is confiscated by faculty and returned to the front office (when possible) with a <u>discipline referral</u> . Front office will contact parent and device is held until the end of the following school day. Student must also serve a one hour after school detention.
additional offenses	Device is confiscated by faculty and returned to the front office (when possible) where a discipline referral is issued. Student’s parent will be contacted. The parent must pick up the device from school. Additional consequences may be issued as deemed appropriate by administration.

Offenses beyond the second will result in an administrative referral

5. Electronic devices are the responsibility of the student. It is the student’s responsibility to treat their belongings with respect and protect them to prevent theft or damage. GPPSS is not responsible for lost or stolen personal electronic devices.
6. For their safety and the safety of others, students shall not use cell phones for calling or texting while driving on school property.
7. Cell phone and wireless device use is strictly prohibited in emergency situations in accordance with our crisis procedures.

Etiquette During Permitted Times:

These etiquette rules are based on the following premises:

- A. Respect should be shown to the people immediately in front of you in addition to those who might be contacting you through the use of technology. When engaged in conversations with peers and adults alike, respect their presence and reply to text messages at a later time.
- B. There are many ways to gather information. Strategies taught in the classroom will range in practice and procedure. It is the expectation of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools that students will be exposed to various educational techniques and that some of these practices will include the use of technology to improve learning and provide the necessary skills to be successful at a collegiate level as well as in the workplace.
- C. Security and safety for all will take precedence over individual needs. Therefore, students must be respectful to the larger group in managing technology and its uses.
- D. Students who bring an electronic device or cell phone to campus must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct and Board Policies.

Acceptable Use During Permitted Times:

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

1. Device must be in silent mode (vibrate) while on school campus. Device must not be viewable in “red light” classrooms. Alarms will not be used as they typically sound rather than vibrate.
2. Devices may only be used for educational purposes in “green light” classrooms.
3. Cell phone and texting conversations should be school appropriate at all times.
4. Devices may not be used to cheat or gain an unfair advantage on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging).
5. Students are not permitted to take pictures or videos of any person on campus without the individual's consent.
6. Outside of the classroom, students will excuse themselves from phone calls (hang up) and/or put away their phones when an adult is addressing them on campus. This includes extra- curricular and sporting events.
7. Outside of the classroom, students will be respectful regarding phone volume during a conversation..

Music

1. Only the wearer should be able to hear the music from the earbuds of a device. This is primarily for the individual's hearing safety but also for the respect of others.
2. Both earbuds should come out of the ears when a student is in conversation with an adult.
3. Earbuds must be removed when the classroom setting is “red light” and during all emergency situations.
4. Content should not be considered private during the school day; keep it appropriate.

Laptops and tablets

1. If the classroom setting is “red light”, students are not permitted to use laptops/tablets without teacher permission.
2. The computer should be on mute as a default for all school work. Be respectful of those working around you.
3. Content of projects and pages should be appropriate for school at all time. Content is not considered private if you are working during school time.

Students and Parents acknowledge that:

1. The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and no attempt must be made to bypass them.
2. Printing from personal laptops or devices will not be possible at school.
3. Personal technology should be charged prior to bringing it to school. Permission may be granted by a staff member to charge a device at an appropriate time.

Parent Communication

We discourage parents to text or call their student during class time and prefer communication takes place before school, after school or during lunch. We understand that emergencies may arise. Therefore, parents may call the school if they wish to communicate with their child or leave them a message during the school day. If students wish to communicate with parents during the school day, permission may be granted by a staff member at an appropriate time.