

CELL PHONES, IPODS, IPADS, TABLETS, ETC. (PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES) POLICY

Bill Reed Middle School

Bill Reed Middle School wishes to provide each student and teacher a distraction-free learning environment every school day. Research shows that when access to personal electronic devices is moderated during the school day, students are more engaged socially and academically. For more information and research on the effects of cell phones and other personal electronic devices on the middle school student, please visit awayfortheday.org.

Cell phones and/or any personal electronic devices (PEDs - any device that can connect wirelessly to a network) may be brought to school; however, these items **must remain off or silent and completely out of view on campus for the entire school day**. This includes the period before school, lunch, hallways and other unstructured times. Having a cell phone or PED is a privilege, not a right as defined by Thompson School District Board Policy (JS). For the purposes of Bill Reed's policy, and to ensure a distraction-free learning environment, this also prohibits the personal use of headphones or earbuds.

A first offense of a cell phone or PED in view and on-site will result in the device being confiscated, logged and securely held until the end of the school day, at which point it can be collected by the student.

The second violation will result in the device being confiscated, logged and securely held until the end of the school day, at which point it can be collected by the student's parent.

A third violation will result in loss of privileges wherein the student will not be allowed to have personal devices on campus for the remainder of the semester/school year.

Any further incidents will follow TSD Code of Conduct for insubordination and will result in consequences ranging from detention to out of school suspension.

****Per district policy Thompson School District is not responsible for lost or stolen personal property so bring devices at your own risk.****