Laurene Edmondson Personal Electronic Device (Cell Phones, iPods, iPads, Tablets) Policy

Laurene Edmondson Elementary 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 regarding the rationale for this policy, visit [www.awayfortheday.org](http://www.awayfortheday.org). To ensure such a learning environment, Edmondson will be implementing the following cell phone/personal electronic device (PED) policy. Please review the specifics of this policy with your student. We will also go over it with students at school.

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 and placed in the student backpack for the entire school day. Specifically, this includes times before school, lunch, hallways and other unstructured times, like recess.

Having a cell phone or PED is a privilege, not a right as defined by Thompson School District Board Policy (JS). Medical exemptions to this policy may be coordinated with a school administrator.

Student Expectations:
- I understand that I am allowed to have my PED at Edmondson, but I am asked not to use it during the school day unless specifically asked by a teacher. Specifically, PED are not allowed in hallways, cafeteria, classrooms, restrooms, playgrounds, and other locations around school. PED shall be stored in student backpacks during the school day and not retrieved for any reason. If I do not want to keep it in my backpack, I can turn in my PED to the front office for safe keeping.
- I understand that I am responsible for the safekeeping of my PED.
- I understand if I need to make an emergency call during the day, I am able to come to the main office, check in, and use a school phone.
- I understand I may have my smart watch on, but only in airplane mode and receiving/sending text messages may result in the loss of this privilege.
Our “away for the day” starts upon entering the building and continues until exiting the building at the end of the school day.

“Away for the day” means phones will be stored in backpacks from the start of the school day until the end of the school day. If a student does not want to keep their PED in their backpack, it may be turned in to the front office.

**Violation of our policy may result in the following:**
First offense: warning and student asked to follow teacher directives (i.e PED returned to backpack, place in basket, store in closet, etc.).

Second offense: PED confiscated, brought to the main office, parents/guardians notified by student and administration, and phone retrieved at the end of the day by parent/guardian.

Multiple students in one classroom disregarding this policy may result in the entire class having to check in PEDs at the beginning of the day and retrieve them at the end of the day.

Any further incidents or not following teacher directives at first and second offense will result in following the TSD Code of Conduct for insubordination and may result in consequences ranging from checking in a cell phone and/or electronic device daily to out of school suspensions.

Thank you for your support for helping us provide your students with a distraction-free learning environment at Edmondson.

I agree to the Student expectations and will follow them here at Edmondson.

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Signature