

# Cell Phone Use at Hammond Middle School

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## Portable Communication Device=Cell Phones

- HCPSS Policy for Middle School
- Students are permitted to carry personal communication devices with them during the school day. They must be turned off or in silent mode (NOT vibrate) at all times. These devices may not disrupt instructional times and should be put away (in a pocket, notebook, or locker).
- Students may use their personal communication devices before or after school hours.
- Students will be allowed additional access for cell phone usage as students, staff, and parents work collaboratively to assess needs and communicate the positive responsibility of digital citizenship. Each school will work towards permitting cell phone use during cafeteria/recess.

# What is ok?

- Before school (any time before 8:05)
- 8:05 = phones off/silent
- 2:50 after dismissal bell
- In the lunch room, at recess
- Phones should be on silent or off- NOT vibrate
- Using phones with teacher permission and direction

# What is not ok?

- NO pictures
- NO earbuds
- NO phones in the hallway in between classes
- NO texting, phone use during class
- NO academic dishonesty
  - Using phones to cheat, plagiarize
- Use INTEGRITY- think PRIDE

# Appropriate Educational Use

- Anything a teacher has directed you to do
- Always ask when you are unsure
- Only when directed by a teacher
  - Examples- research, GAFE, QR codes, dictionary, e-readers, calculators, Socrative, educational applications, note-taking

# Consequences

If you use your phones inappropriately:

- A staff member will ask for your phone and your phone will be delivered to the Front Office
- Administrators will be informed and your parents will be contacted
- Disciplinary consequences may occur
- Suspension of technology usage may occur in school