

## Dickinson High School Cell Phone Policy

- Students may use their cell phones/electronic devices for **texting during their designated lunch period.**
- Students may use their cell phones/electronic devices for **texting during passing periods in the hallways.** For safety reasons, students **shall NOT use earbuds or headphones at any time.** Students must be able to hear instructions and/or directives at all times. Headphones/earbuds including wireless listening devices will be confiscated returned to the parent the following day.
- Students may **not** use their cell phones/electronic devices in the classroom for any reason including checking the time of day unless otherwise directed by the teacher for instructional purposes. Any space used for the delivery of instruction is considered a classroom i.e. gym, library, LGI room, field house, athletic fields, weight room, computer labs.
- Earbuds/headphones may be utilized in classrooms **only when directed by the teacher** to access the curriculum.
- **Voice conversation will not be allowed at any time from 7:15AM to 2:25 PM** in any location on the Dickinson High School property during the school day. If an emergency situation occurs, students must have permission from an administrator to use voice conversation, and the conversation must occur in the privacy of an office area.
- Cell phones/electronic devices may **not** be used in the halls/restrooms/common areas during a student's class time. A student found using his/her cell phone/electronic device when he/she is assigned to a classroom but is in the hallway or in a restroom (with or without permission) will be considered in violation of this policy and the phone/electronic device will be confiscated.
- Students may **not** use their cell phones/electronic devices to take pictures or streaming video of other students, teachers, or classrooms without the expressed written permission of the person(s) being photographed. This is a violation of a person's privacy and will not be tolerated at school. Any violation of this policy will result in a disciplinary action.
- All administrators, teachers and/or staff members are authorized to confiscate cell phones and/or electronic devices during class time, during a testing situation, and/or any time the student is in violation of the Electronic Device policy.
- Dickinson ISD and its employees will make every effort to ensure the security of electronic devices that are confiscated in accordance with District, campus and/or classroom rules/policy. The district accepts no liability for a device that is lost, stolen, or damaged after the item is confiscated in accordance with the campus rules and/or District policy.
- DISD is not responsible for cell phone plan data use and access on campus. However, all district acceptable use guidelines still apply.

The use of mobile telephones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored events.

Confiscated telecommunications devices that are not retrieved by the student or the student's parents will be disposed of after the notice required by law. [See policy FNCE.]

Under circumstances deemed appropriate by campus administrators and in accordance with law, a student's personal telecommunications device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See **Searches** and policy FNF.]

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