

# *Dickinson High School*

## *Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy*

- Students may use their cell phones/electronic devices for **texting and listening** during their designated **lunch period**.
- Students may use their cell phones/electronic devices for **texting and listening** during passing periods in the hallways. For safety reasons, students may have only one ear bud in their ear at any time, and **headphones will NOT be allowed at any time during school hours or while on campus**. Students must be able to hear instructions and/or directives at all times. If used on campus, headphones will be confiscated and returned to the parent on Thursday from 2:35 to 4:00 PM.
- Students may **not** use their cell phones/electronic devices in classrooms 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, barn, field house, athletic fields, weight room, computer labs.
- **Voice conversation will not be allowed** from 7:20 AM to 2:35 PM in any location on the Dickinson High School property during the school day. If an emergency situation occurs, student must have permission from an administrator to use voice conversation. The conversation must occur in the privacy of an administrator's or counselor's office.
- 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.
- Texting or listening to music during class changes or during lunch will not be considered a valid reason for being tardy to class.
- If students are found to be in violation of any of the above policies, the working phone/electronic device will be confiscated and returned to the student and/or parent on the following Thursday for a \$15 fee. **There will be no exceptions to this policy**. Refusal to give up the phone/electronic device will be considered insubordination and will result in a two day suspension. Repeated failure to follow the school Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy will result in a student's privilege to carry and use a cell phone/electronic at school to be suspended or revoked permanently.
- All administrators, counselors, 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 Cell Phone/Electronic Device policy.
- Dickinson High School employees will make every effort to ensure the security of electronic devices that are confiscated in accordance with campus rules and/or District policy. However, the district accepts no responsibility for a device that is stolen, lost, or damaged after the item is confiscated in accordance with the campus rules and/or District policy.
- DHS is not a charging station for cell phones or other electronic devices. Students will not be allowed to charge their devices at school.
- DISD is not responsible for cell phone plan data use and access on campus. However, all district acceptable use guidelines apply.

Our goal is to provide our students with the opportunity to be a responsible student and to make wise decisions in the use of cell phones and other electronics. We will not allow cell phones, electronic devices or the social media sites connected with electronics to interfere with or disrupt the educational process.