

Berlin Middle High School Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

Purpose:

To maintain an environment conducive to learning for grades 6-12, the use of cell phones, any form of headphones, and other electronic devices is strictly regulated during school hours.

Policy:

1. Prohibited Use

- The use of cell phones, headphones (including any type of earphones or earbuds), and other electronic devices is not permitted without staff consent during school hours.
- All cell phones and electronic devices must be stored in the student's locker from 7:20 AM to 2:07 PM.
- Students are not allowed to have these devices in their possession during the school day.

2. Exceptions

- A teacher may request students to bring their cell phones to class for instructional purposes only. This request must be clearly communicated and authorized by the teacher.
- Students granted administrative approval and/or require accommodation are permitted to wear designated headphones during the school day.

3. Consequences for Policy Violation

First Offense:

- The cell phone or electronic device will be confiscated by an administrator until the end of the school day. The electronic device will be returned to the student at the end of school day.
- A parent or guardian will be contacted by an administrator.

Second Offense:

- The cell phone or electronic device will be confiscated by an administrator until the end of the school day. A parent or guardian must come to the school to retrieve the device.
- The student will be subject to discipline, including but not limited to in-school suspension.

Additional Offenses:

- The cell phone or electronic device will be confiscated by an administrator until the end of the school day. A parent or guardian must come to the school to retrieve the device.
- A meeting must be convened involving the parent or caregiver, the student, and an administrator to discuss any relevant matters concerning the student's conduct.
- The student will be subject to discipline, including but not limited to out-of-school suspension.

****It should be noted that refusal to surrender any electronic device when directed by school personnel is a violation of Berlin Middle High's Code of Conduct and subject to additional disciplinary action.***

This policy is designed to minimize distractions and promote a focused educational environment. We appreciate the cooperation of students and parents in adhering to these guidelines.