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Milaca Area Learning Center Phone Policy 2025-2026

WHAT IS THE DISTRICT POLICY

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Communication Devices (Page 23 of the Parent/Student Handbook)

*Each student has the opportunity to participate in the school's technology device program. Therefore, students cannot use their personal electronic devices as a substitute for a school device. Appropriate use of personal electronic devices is **allowed only during passing time and the student's assigned lunch period, the phone should not be visible at any time during scheduled classroom time**, this includes when students are out of class with a pass. Devices may be confiscated for misuse or use during scheduled class times. Students are prohibited from using a cell phone or other electronic communication device to engage in conduct prohibited by school district policies including, but not limited to, cheating, bullying, harassment, malicious and sadistic conduct. If the school district has a reasonable suspicion that a student has violated a school rule or law by use of a cell phone or other electronic device, the school district may search the device. The search of the device will be reasonably related in scope to the circumstances justifying the search. Students who use an electronic device inappropriately during the school day and/or in violation of school district policies may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the school district's discipline policy. In addition, a student's cell phone or electronic device may be confiscated by the school district and, if applicable, provided to law enforcement. Cell phone use will be prohibited in all locker rooms, restrooms, and during any and all testing environments. For a second offense, the item will be confiscated until a parent or guardian contacts a school official and a plan is in place to avoid further distractions/violations. Additional violations will result in confiscation, detention, and/or suspension. If a student refuses a staff member's request to confiscate an electronic device it will be considered "insubordination" and subject to immediate dismissal.*

Air Pods, Earbuds, headphones may be used in classrooms with teacher permission.

All phones, Air Pods, earbuds, headphones, and smart devices are not allowed during district or state testing environments.

ALC SPECIFIC GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS

The ALC is a unique environment in which students are granted additional permissions based on their overall behavior and progress in the program. Their behavior and progress is monitored as 3 levels in which students start at level 1 and work their way up to level 3 - earning additional privileges as they move up levels.

- Level 1 students follow the above policy in line with the high school. They are able to have their phone during the same passing times as the high school and at lunch.
- Level 2 students are granted additional access to their phones - the exact timing and length of this additional access is determined by the instructor for the specific course and may vary day to day and class to class based on activities, direct instruction, and work completion.
- Level 3 students are granted full access to monitor and manage their own phone use. Students on level 3 are expected to be able to be responsible enough to use their phones when it is not going to be a distraction to their learning or hinder their ability to progress in their work.

Level 1 and Level 2 students may be asked to place their phones in a specific place in the classroom (for example: in a hanging pocket organizer or on a specific table or desk).

Air Pods, Earbuds, and headphones may be allowed with teacher permission during phone access times described above.

The lead teacher has the discretion to modify these guidelines and expectations at any time, including as accommodations to best meet the educational needs of specific students.