

# **Buckman Electronic Devices Policy**

## **What's going on?**

Buckman is joining other PPS schools to decrease device use due to distraction, cyberbullying, social media misuse, addiction, and other negative aspects of these devices. Excessive use of personal devices may impact typical adolescent brain development. Our electronic devices policy preserves the entire school day for instructional purposes and healthy social interactions.

## **What constitutes a "personal electronic device"?**

Any student-owned electronic device with a cellular or internet connection, and gaming devices. This includes all cell phones, tablets, watches, laptops, and whatever they invent next.

## **What about earbuds and headphones?**

Wireless earbuds (AirPods and such) are prohibited on campus during the school day. Corded headphones and earbuds are Off, Away & Invisible All Day.

## **Can students wear Smart watches?**

The same rules apply as with other digital devices: Off, Away & Invisible All Day. Analog devices such as regular watches and pedometers can be used instead.

## **Where will devices be stored during the day?**

As per PPS policy, personal devices are completely the responsibility of the student, not the school. Students are expected to put devices away as they would any other personal belongings before school starts and not use them until 3:00 or when they leave school.

## **What does door to door off and away mean?**

As soon as students enter the school, whether for before care, breakfast, or at the beginning of the school day, phones and other devices should be off and away. Door to door means when they enter the front door at the beginning of the day and when they leave the school at the end of the day.

## **How can you help?**

Please make arrangements and communicate with your student before coming to school and after school. Please be very clear about what will happen if a device is confiscated. We will have family-student agreement forms on the Buckman website that can help navigate the rules.

## **How will parents and students communicate during the school day?**

In an emergency, know that you may contact your student through the office. We will deliver messages or have your student come to the office to call you. Again, please make all family plans before coming to school and only use the main office message delivery service for emergencies as it is disruptive to classes and the learning environment.

## **What happens if the rules are broken?**

The device will be confiscated, collected by an administrator or designee, stored in a secure locker in the office, and recorded. On the first violation, a parent can authorize their child to pick up the device at the end of the day through the main office. All future confiscations will require this procedure, but the device must be picked up by a parent or other adult identified on the school registration form. Multiple violations will result in device prohibition or checking the device in at school. The main office is open from 8-4:30 daily and devices must be picked up by that time.

**How will parents/guardians be informed about confiscation?**

The student will be responsible to contact you. There are telephones in the main office for student use. Please be sure your child knows your phone number and that your contact information is kept current in Synergy.

**What about use at passing time and lunch/recess?**

Off, Away, and Invisible will be strictly enforced during passing time and lunch/recess. Students are encouraged to interact and have fun with their peers in a digital-free environment. In the cafeteria, students may eat and socialize, and the same is true for the playground. Parents are encouraged to consider volunteering during lunch.

**What about students with disabilities?**

Modification to the device use policy will be decided through the IEP and 504 team process.

Cell Phones

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		I have reviewed the Buckman electronic devices policy with a parent or caregiver.
		As a family, we agree to the Buckman electronic devices policy. We understand that if a student has their cell phone out, the student will be asked to turn it into the office. After the first offense, a parent/guardian will be asked to pick up the device, or the device will need to be checked in and out of the office daily.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_