

## White Station High School Cellphone Policy Statement

White Station High School is committed to maintaining personal device-free instructional periods to support student engagement, academic integrity, and a safe learning environment. Students are issued school-approved laptops for all academic purposes.

Students may not possess or use personal communication devices during any instructional period. This includes but is not limited to:

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- Earbuds or headphones
- Gaming devices
- Pagers or wireless accessories

All such devices must be powered off and stored out of sight in a designated location, such as a backpack, purse, or school locker.

Teachers may designate one secure storage location in the classroom for student use, provided devices remain powered off and untouched for the entire class period.

White Station High School does not permit classroom use of personal devices for instructional purposes, even at teacher discretion. This is a school-level decision permitted under **Tennessee Public Chapter 103**.

### Legal Exceptions (Per Public Chapter 103)

In accordance with state law, the following exceptions apply:

- Students may use a personal device in the event of a verified emergency.
- Students may use a device to manage a documented health condition (e.g., diabetes monitoring).
- Students with an active IEP, 504 Plan, or ILP may use a device as outlined in their plan or for approved assistive technology.
- White Station High will notify parents or guardians of emergency events through district-approved communication systems to ensure families are informed even if students do not have phone access.

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### Consequences for Infractions:

*1st Infraction-* Confiscation of device with a warning and the device shall be returned at the end of the school day. Parents are contacted to communicate the policy and further consequences for continued violations.

*2nd Infraction-* Confiscation of the device, parent must pick up device at the end of the day or anytime on any following day, 2-days ISS

*3rd Infraction-* Confiscation of the device to be picked up by the parent at the end of the day or anytime on any following day, 1 day OSS.

*4th Infraction-* Confiscation of the phone, 2-days OSS

Further infractions will follow escalating progressive discipline for insubordination

Consequences for refusal to surrender a device when directed by a teacher or administrator:

For definitional purposes, "refusal to surrender" will not prohibit a teacher giving a student a moment of reflection to consider their consequences provided the student is otherwise compliant and courteous and the teacher is consistently providing the same opportunity to all students.

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### **Refusal to Turn in a Personal Communication Device**

If a student refuses to comply with a reasonable request from a teacher or administrator to turn in a personal device during class time, the guardian(s)/parent(s) will be informed, and the following **consequence** will apply:

- Two days of out-of-school suspension (OSS).

If a student uses profanity, verbally abusive language, or makes any attempt to physically violate a staff member during the incident:

- Five days of out-of-school suspension (OSS).