



Haverhill Public Schools

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Appropriate Use of Electronic Devices

The Haverhill Public School District is committed to aiding students and staff in creating a 21st century learning environment.

In an effort to put students at the center and empower them to take control of their own learning, Haverhill High School will allow students to use personal technology devices during the school day with certain conditions in place for classroom usage.

The words “electronic device” means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic piece of equipment that includes laptops, netbooks, tablets/slates, iPod touches, cell and smart phones. The student takes full responsibility for his or her device and keeps it with himself/herself. The school is not responsible for the security of the device.

Students may have silenced electronic devices on their person. Students will be allowed unrestricted access to their personal devices until 7:20 AM (at the first bell) and after 2:05 PM. Between 7:20AM-2:05PM, students will refrain from making phone calls; phone calls should be made with permission in a nearby office.

Appropriate personal use of devices is allowed during lunch in the cafeteria and in the mall area. The use of the use of headphones (especially sound canceling) is not allowed in the halls, as it is a safety concern.

Students in study halls may use their electronic devices. They are also allowed to use their listening device as long as the volume is low enough for the teacher to be able to communicate with the student and it is not a distraction to others.

Students shall not turn on any electronic device in locker rooms and bathrooms, any violation of this policy may result in suspension or other disciplinary proceedings

Each teacher has the right to allow (or disallow) the use of mobile devices (e.g. cell phones, laptops, iPods, personal data assistants) during instructional time. All teachers will have their individual policies posted visibly in their classroom, in their syllabi, and with the appropriate Assistant Principal. Students who are insubordinate will be addressed by the teacher and consequently addressed by the assistant principal on an as-needed basis with the proper documentation of write up slips, calls home, and disciplinary actions similar to the ones already used for school infractions.

While classroom material is being presented, discussed, or distributed, students might be asked to put away their devices. Students must comply with classroom policy. Students cannot audio or videotape teachers and students without their expressed permission. Audio or video taping of teachers without their expressed permission shall



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never be allowed and the audio or videotape shall never be used in any disciplinary proceedings of teacher.

During assessments (such as quizzes and tests) students might be asked to store their devices in their backpacks or in a box at the teacher's desk. Again, students must comply with classroom policy. Students shall not be allowed without the express permission of the teacher, to turn on or use any cell phone or electronic device when taking any test or quiz. Violations of this policy may be considered cheating and the student may face disciplinary action.

Utilizing technology is a privilege and a responsibility that all students must learn; however, inappropriate and malicious use of the device and its applications will not be tolerated in the school community. Inappropriate use, insubordination to the classroom rule, or using it in a disruptive manner will result in disciplinary action. Taking or capturing images with devices and/or recordings with devices is not permitted at any time without prior approval from a teacher or an administrator. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action. learning environment.

And, in the event of an emergency at the high school, all students will cooperate and cease use of technology. They must pay attention to the situation at hand and follow the given directions.

Consequences for use of electronic devices during permissible classroom time:

First Offense: The teacher may issue teacher detention and revoke the student's right to participate with an electronic device.

Second Offense: The teacher will write up the student to the appropriate Assistant Principal. The student will serve an office detention, and the parents of the student will be contacted.

Third Offense: The parent/guardian meets with an administrator, student, and teacher. The student will serve one day of ISS.

For multiple offenses, the school reserves the right to severely limit or ban a student's use of electronic devices.

At any time, the teacher can revoke the students' right to use electronic devices in class if s/he feels it is disruptive to the learning environment.