

A friendly reminder that cellphones are not allowed in the classroom.



Cellphones must stay at lockers

Research highlights why cell phones and social media should not be in public school classrooms:

- 1. The average distance a typical user scrolls is taller than the Statue of Liberty.
- 2. Increased Anxiety and Depression: Studies have linked heavy social media use among adolescents to heightened levels of anxiety, depression, and loneliness, which can hinder academic performance and social interactions in the classroom.
- 3. Distraction from Learning: Cell phones and social media provide constant distractions, making it difficult for students to focus on lessons and engage in deep, meaningful learning, which is essential for cognitive development.
- 4. Harmful Social Comparisons: The pervasive nature of social media encourages unhealthy comparisons among students, leading to issues with self-esteem and body image, which can negatively impact their mental health and academic engagement.
- 5. Cyberbullying and Peer Pressure: The anonymity and accessibility of social media platforms have made cyberbullying more prevalent, contributing to a toxic school environment where students may feel unsafe or pressured by their peers.
- 6. Erosion of Face-to-Face Interaction: Reliance on cell phones and social media reduces opportunities for students to develop essential communication skills and meaningful relationships, which are crucial for their emotional and social growth.

If a student brings their phone to class: The student powers down the device and places it in the designated location. The teacher then takes the device to the Dean of Students and submits a referral.

First offense: referral with warning, phone pick up at the end of the day Second offense: referral with 4:00 detention, phone picked up after detention Third offense: referral with 5:30 detention, parent pickup of phone and student