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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we prepare to return from Christmas Break, we want to ensure a strong and focused start to the new semester. To help support a safe, productive, and distraction free learning environment, USD 392 Elementary School will implement our updated Cell Phone and Smartwatch Policy beginning January 5, 2026, the first day back from Christmas break.

Below is the policy in full:

USD 392 Elementary Cell Phone/Smartwatch Policy

Students bringing personal electronic equipment on campus do so at their own risk. Personal electronic communication devices include but are not limited to Smartphones, Cell Phones, Smartwatches, or any other electronic communication/gaming devices can be valuable communication tools. According to research conducted by the KSDE Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen Time (2024), these devices can be disruptive to the learning environment and pose mental health and legal issues for students (e.g., inappropriate material, cheating, etc.). To protect students' academic learning time and to maintain the learning environment, all student personal electronic communication devices will remain unused and secured out of sight for the entirety of the school day. Administration, classroom teachers and support staff will enforce this policy. To support this policy, parents should call the front office if they need to communicate messages to their students.

Cell Phones and Smartwatches Must Be Turned Off and Stored

We understand that students may bring their cell phone or smartwatch with them to school. To protect students' academic learning time and to maintain the learning environment, upon arrival, phones and watches must be turned completely off (not just silenced) and kept in backpacks.

No Use During School Hours

Cell phones and smartwatches may not be used during school hours (8:00 AM - 3:30 PM), unless authorized by a staff member for a specific educational purpose, in the event of an emergency, or to help manage a student's health needs.

Unauthorized Use Will Result in Consequences

- 1st Offense: Device is held in the front office and returned to the student at the end of the day.
- 2nd Offense: Device is held in the front office and must be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- Subsequent Offenses: Device is held in the office until a parent or legal guardian attends a conference to determine next steps and possible restorative practices or procedures.

We appreciate your support in helping students stay engaged, focused, and safe during the school day. If you have any questions about this policy or would like to discuss it further, please feel free to contact me at any time. I am happy to help.

Sincerely,

Stacy Rietzke
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USD 392 Elementary School

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