

## **York CSD Personal Electronics FAQ**

**Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions that were received during the feedback process that was used to develop the York Central Personal Electronics Policy.**

***What exceptions or exemptions will be allowed?***

Any exemptions will be approved through a committee that is composed of the Superintendent of Schools, Building Principal, other members of the administrative team, and any appropriate MH staff members.

***Will seniors or upperclassmen have privileges related to personal electronics?***

No—the personal electronics policy is applied at the State level and enforced locally. All students in the school must adhere to the District policy and plan.

***Can students use phones in the hallway, cafeteria, or other unstructured areas during the school day?***

No—use of personal electronics in unstructured settings and transition areas will be monitored and will be enforced consistently across the building during the school day.

***How will I know what changes to my student's schedule or afterschool needs during the day?***

6-12 students are able to communicate by email to parents/caretakers. All students can contact caretakers by using a classroom phone, or by using an office phone. The school will also communicate broad scale changes to afterschool events or schedules as quickly as possible to all affected parties.

***In the event of an emergency, how will I contact my child?***

In the event of an emergency, students should be listening to adult direction—not be distracted by their phones. Coordinated efforts to maintain safety in the building require adults to communicate with each other and students in a timely and efficient manner. The school will communicate such events once safety is established and maintained within the school.

***What about the BOCES bus or school field trips?***

Students who are riding the bus to and from school or to and from BOCES will be permitted to use their phone appropriately on those buses. School field trips will follow the same in-school procedures regarding cell phones unless given explicit permission otherwise by the building Principal.

***What if a class requires the use of a cell phone or other personal electronic device?***

Any use of cell phones for an educational purpose will be determined and approved by the building principal. Exceptions in this case will be extremely limited to specific situations, but will be approved on a case by case basis.

***Can my student(s) store their phone or other personal electronics in their bookbag?***

No—students are to store their personal devices in their lockers AND lock their lockers. Students will be provided with a lock at the beginning of the school year. Phones being stored in backpacks or bags has shown to lead to increased distractedness in the learning environment.

***How can I contact my student about something urgent and personal during the school day?***

To speak with your student about something urgent during the day, please call the main office at 243-1730 x2217. If you need to speak to a specific office (counseling, athletic, or special education) on an urgent matter, call those respective offices and they will connect you with your student.