

Distraction Free Schools Annual Report



Reporting Year: 2025 - 2026
District/BOCES: Colton-Pierrepont Central School
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Policy Overview

STUDENT USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES PREK-12

Electronic devices may be a disruption to the learning process. Any use or display of these items is prohibited in school without the explicit permission of the supervising adult. Use of electronic devices during school hours without proper approval is prohibited. These devices may be confiscated and a parent may be required to pick such items. Repeated offenses will require further disciplinary measures.

CELL PHONE USE PREK-12

Beginning with the 2025–26 school year there will be a ban on internet-enabled personal devices during the instructional day. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, personal tablets or laptops. The instructional day at CPCS is from 7:45AM-3:15PM and includes lunch, study halls, and between classes. Students may still use school-issued internet-enabled devices (i.e. chromebooks) for classroom instruction.

School administration will communicate storage locations for students who bring devices to school. It is highly encouraged that students leave all internet-enabled devices at home.

Should a student need to reach their parent/guardian, they will be permitted to use a phone in the main office. Should a parent/guardian need to reach their child, they may call the main office at (315) 262-2100.

Exceptions are permitted for:

- Medical conditions or emergency situations.
- Translation needs or family caregiving responsibilities.
- Any use required by law or authorized by a staff member for educational purposes.

Consequences:

First Violation: Student warning and device must be brought to the designated storage location.

Second Violation: Device will be kept in the main office until a parent/guardian picks it up.

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Enforcement Summary

Measure	Number
Total Student Enrollment	383
Students Receiving at Least One Violation	20
Total Violations Recorded	7
Verbal Warnings	20+
Device Confiscations	7
Parent Notifications	7
Detentions	0
Other Disciplinary Actions	0

Demographic Analysis

Demographic Group	Enrollment %	Students Disciplined %	Difference
Female	51%	0	N/A
Male	49%	0	N/A
Students with Disabilities	22%	0	N/A
Economically Disadvantaged	22%	0	N/A
English Language Learners	0	0	N/A
White	98%	0	N/A
Black/African American	<1%	0	N/A
Hispanic/Latino	<1%	0	N/A
Asian	0	0	N/A
Multiracial	<1%	0	N/A
Other	0	0	N/A

Findings and Interpretation

Colton-Pierrepont Central School implements a fair and consistent Distraction-Free Schools policy that is communicated to students, faculty, staff, families, and the community through regular communications and the Student Handbook. Based on the reported data, no disparities were identified.

It is important to note that many initial cell phone violations were addressed through warnings, redirection, and reteaching of expectations rather than being documented as formal discipline referrals. As a result, the reported data does not reflect all instances of noncompliance with the policy. At CPCS, discipline referrals are typically entered only when a student continues to violate the policy after initial interventions. Moving forward, the district will continue to document instances in which devices are confiscated, parents or guardians are contacted, and disciplinary consequences, such as detentions, are assigned.

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Statistical Significance Determination

Was a statistically significant disparate impact identified?

☐ YES

☒ NO

Administrative Certification

I certify that this report has been reviewed and published in accordance with the requirements of New York State Education Law regarding distraction-free schools policy enforcement reporting.

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