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Dear Wayne Parents and Guardians,

I'm writing to share a change in our District policy regarding student use of personal internet-enabled devices (cell phones, smartwatches, etc...) during the school day. Following a new [law](#) and the New Jersey Department of Education's [2026 Guidance for Schools on Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices](#), the state of New Jersey is moving to a "Bell-to-Bell" policy.

Starting Tuesday, September 8, 2026, all student personal internet-enabled devices must be turned off and put away from the first bell to the last bell. Except for circumstances outlined in the law and guidance, personal devices may not be used at any time during the school day, including during lunch or in between classes.

The State of New Jersey is making this shift because the data is clear: less social media use during the school day leads to better focus, less anxiety, and stronger in-person connections.

Here is how we will keep lines of communication open:

- **Emergencies:** Please call your school's main office, and we will get the message to your child immediately.
- **Student Calls:** If your child needs to reach you, they can contact home through the school's main office.
- **Basic Devices:** If your student needs a basic device for commuting, please check with our local policy regarding non-internet-enabled phones (like flip phones). *This allowance is determined at the district level and applies only to devices that cannot access the internet.*

Thank you for your partnership in making our schools a more focused, supportive, and healthy learning environment for every student and your continued support.



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Proud Superintendent of
Wayne Township Public Schools