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Attention Parents:

On December 10, 2025, the RCS Board of Education approved the recommended revisions to Board Policy 4318: Use of Cell Phones and Other Wireless Communication Devices effective January 1, 2026. The recommended revisions for this policy provided for definitions of "Instructional Time" and a "Wireless Communication Device (WCD)". It also provided some perimeters around who would have more control over when and how the WCD would be utilized throughout the instructional day and the consequences for unauthorized use. This policy revision was required by legislation - G.S. 115 C-76.100.

Additionally, 4318-Regulation: Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices Implementation Procedures was created to increase understanding of the policy and how we might enforce it. **This regulation outlines for our students and families how Policy: 4318 will be implemented in accordance with the aforementioned statute and will also become in effect as of January 1, 2026.** The following will be important for our students and parents to be aware of as this policy and regulation are fully implemented.

- Students may use their cell phones WCDs responsibly on the bus, walking into school, and before entering homeroom each morning.
- **Elementary and Middle** school students may not use WCDs from the start of the instructional day (either homeroom or a designated bell time) to the end of the last class period, including transitions, lunch, and restroom breaks.
- **High Schools** may not use WCDs from the start of the instructional day (either homeroom or a designated bell time) to the end of the last class period including restroom breaks. Students may check their WCDs during their designated lunch time and during transitional times (i.e. class changes).
- All students will be allowed to check phones 10 minutes each day prior to dismissal in case there is an important message from parents.
- If parents need to get in touch with their child during the school day and prior to the last 10 minutes of the school day, please call the main office and we will assist.
- Students may use their phones WCDs after dismissal.
- Devices must be powered completely off and stored out of sight during this time.
- Phones should not be on their person or visible on a desk or other area while in classes

At the start of the calendar year, our school level administrators will work with students to ensure they understand what is expected of them. You may access this policy on the Rockingham County Schools website under Board Policies at Board Policy 4318: Use of Cell Phones and Other Wireless Communication Devices and the 4318-Regulation**: Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices Implementation Procedures.**

If you have any questions, you may contact your school administrator for more clarification.

See below for consequences.

1st offense	The student will be given a warning and reminded of the next level of consequences
2nd offense	Staff will take the device to the office- The **student** will pick it up at the end of the day.
3rd offense	The device will be sent to the office- **PARENT** must come in and pick it up at the end of the day. The student will be sent to ISS for the remainder of the day.
4th offense	Administration will take the phone to the office. **PARENT** will pick it up, and the student is referred to the administration for an office referral due to continued insubordination.
Continued violations	The administration will be notified each time and will determine consequences.

Sincerely,



Broken crayons still color.
Once there is breath, there is hope.

Thank you for supporting these guidelines to ensure learning at Reidsville High School!