

Electronic Devices Policy Update

2026-27 School Year



Updated in preparation for Senate Bill 1014 and House Bill 1814

No Electronic Devices (Bell-to-Bell)

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Cell phones and all other electronic devices must be **TURNED OFF** and **STORED** during the school day. Each school will provide students a means to securely store all of their electronic devices.



What are Electronic Devices?

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- All cell phones, including flip phones and smartphones
- Smartwatches with communication capability
- Tablets, earbuds/headphones and similar technology
- Any device capable of transmitting, receiving, or recording audio, video, or data



Why This Change?

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- Reduce distractions during learning
- Support focus and engagement
- Protect student privacy and safety
- Promote a positive learning environment



When Electronic Devices Are Allowed

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- ✓ Before School
- ✓ After School
- ✓ On school buses or district transportation
- ✓ At school-sponsored activities outside of the school day

Exceptions

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- Medical needs documented through the school nurse or a physician
- Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or Section 504 Plans requiring device access if not available from Erie's Public Schools.

How can parents contact their students during the day?

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- ✉ Student Email
- ☎ Call the school's front office (for emergencies)



If the policy is violated

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1st Violation:

Device confiscated; returned at end of day to the student.

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2nd Violation:

Device confiscated; returned at end of day to the parent, and a Parent Conference is scheduled.

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Further Violations:

Can include detention and/or suspension.

Questions?

Please contact your school office. In emergencies, the district will communicate directly with families through ParentSquare. If you have not yet registered for ParentSquare, please visit eried.org/ParentSquare for directions on how to create your account.