

Electronic Device Policy



Electronic Devices

Include but are not limited to ...

- 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

We understand that personal electronic devices are a part of daily life, and that parents and students use them to communicate and for educational purposes. Indeed, personal electronic devices, can support learning when used appropriately; however, they can also disrupt the educational environment.

In support of our administrators, teachers, and students in creating and maintaining the best teaching and learning environments, Erie's Public Schools requires all personal/student-owned electronic devices to be stored securely, without student access, for the entirety of the school day – from first bell to the final dismissal bell.

Devices must not be visible, audible, or accessible during this time.

Each school will provide students a means to securely store their electronic devices (locking pouches, classroom storage units, or designated lockers). Upon entering the school, devices must be powered off and stored as required.

Exceptions may be granted for students with:

- 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.
- Emergency situations as determined and approved by the building principal.