

Brookline School Committee
Policy Subcommittee
Proposed Revisions to Personal Electronic Device Policy
11.18.25

Grades 9-12

This policy is designed to reduce distractions, promote academic integrity, encourage healthy social interactions, and maintain a safe, respectful school environment for all students.

Devices must be **powered off** and **stored out of sight** (in backpacks, lockers, or other secure locations) from the start of the school day until dismissal.

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PEDs include smart watches and non-school originating tablets and computers that are connected to a network.

Devices may not be used in classrooms, hallways, restrooms, or during lunch unless explicit permission is granted. Exceptions will be made for (a) students whose IEP or 504 plan requires the use of PEDs; (b) students who have received documented permission from a teacher for use of a PED in the teacher's classroom for educational purposes; and (c) the use of school- or class-approved PEDs for educational purposes.

Students are responsible for securing their own devices; the school is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft.

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k. Teachers should state clear classroom expectations about PEDs and consequences for use in class.

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Consequences for Violating the Personal Device Policy

- First Offense: Device taken and returned at the end of the school day.
- Second Offense: Device held in the office; parent/guardian must pick it up.
- Third Offense: Loss of device privileges for a period of time; daily check-in/check-out required.
- Further Offenses: Meeting with family and administration; additional disciplinary action may follow.

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Deleted: Students may use PEDs in public spaces during passing time or during free blocks so long as they are used silently and are otherwise not disruptive or disturbing to others.

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