



Student Cell Phones

School-wide policy and procedures for classrooms

Rationale

- Cellphones are a distraction to learning and take students' focus away from instruction and places it on what their friends are doing
- Students need to work on how to communicate with people in real life, not just electronically
- Students themselves have said cellphone use in the classroom is becoming a problem

Procedure

- Upon sitting at their seat, students should place their phone face down on top of their desk in the corner or in a pouch that will be attached to students' desks
- This allows students to have their phone close (they have become addicted to their phones being in their hands, by having a visual without touching them, it will alleviate that anxiety...yes we have researched this and it is an actual thing!)

- Having the phone visible also allows the teacher to know if a student is using it or not
- Students should not be looking at their phones anytime instruction or collaboration is occurring...this includes music during instruction
- Music during work time is at the teacher's discretion
- Students will not be allowed to move in order to charge their phones
 - They either plug it in, leave it, and return to their seat, or they will need to wait. the teacher and the school are not responsible for lost or stolen phones.

EXCEPTIONS

- Lab classes, PE, or times where students are away from their desks
 - Teachers will let students know where they should keep their phones (in a bag or purse, locked in the teacher's desk, locked in their lockers, etc.)
 - Again, the goal is to focus on instruction and learning, not their phones

Headphones

- Large, over-the-ear type headphones will NOT be permitted (like Beats)
 - Prevents students from being able to hear, creates a safety issue
- Earbuds can be used if the teacher allows students to listen to music during individual work time
 - we suggest only allowing one earbud in. That way students can still hear the teacher if they need their attention

Music

- This is at the classroom teacher's discretion
- Students should not spend work time creating playlists, searching for music, etc.
- Again, no large headphones

Consequences

- 1st offense for a student using their cell phone during a restricted time:
Detention with the teacher
- 2nd offense: Office referral for insubordination
 - Consequences will increase if a student chooses to continue to violate the policy

Student success is our goal

- We are here to give students the opportunity to learn and be successful
- This policy is not designed to be a punishment (although it may seem that way); we have noticed that too many students are distracted and we are trying to increase academic success
- If you have any questions regarding this policy, you can contact Mrs. Gilbert, Assistant Principal at gilberta@nadams.k12.in.us or 260-724-7121