HAMPTON CITY SCHOOLS
CELL PHONE PROCEDURES
PreK-12 CELL PHONE-FREE SCHOOLS

Hampton City Schools

In compliance with Governor Glenn Youngkin's Executive Order 33 and Virginia Department of Education Cell Phone Guidance Model,

Hampton City Schools is a Cell Phone-Free Educational Setting.

To ensure students have a focused and healthier learning environment, Hampton City Schools is implementing and enforcing the following procedures at all schools. Students who use their electronic devices during school hours are subject to disciplinary consequences, including confiscation of devices.

Off and Away for the Day

Students must keep cell phones and other personal electronic devices turned off and in their backpacks or bags from the time they enter their first class of the school day to the time they exit their final class of the school day.

Open Ears for Open Minds

No headphones/earbuds are to be worn during the instructional day (from the time students enter their first class to the time they exit their final class). Headphone/earbud use during the instructional day is only permitted for specific learning activities as directed by school staff.

School Phones for Calls Home

Parents who need to reach their child during the school day should call the main office. Students who need to reach a parent should ask a staff member and will be able to do so using a school phone.

School Devices for Learning

For instructional purposes, only school-issued electronic devices will be allowed.

Discipline Process

First Offense The student will receive a verbal reminder from the teacher or staff member to put the device away and follow the cell phone-free policy.

Second Offense The student will receive another verbal reminder, followed by a brief, one-on-one conversation with the teacher or staff member. Parents/guardians will also be contacted.

Third Offense The student will be referred to an administrator. The cell phone or device will be secured in the office for the remainder of the school day. The administrator will notify parents/guardians of the continued need for cell phone-free education support. The student may retrieve the device at the end of the school day.

Fourth Offense The student will be referred to an administrator, and the device will remain secured in the office. Parents/guardians will be notified that the device will not be returned to the student directly. The phone or device will be released only to a parent or guardian.

Repeated violations of the cell phone-free policy may result in additional disciplinary actions, including the possible loss of privilege to bring a cell phone or device to school. If a student refuses to turn over their cell phone or personal electronic device when requested, additional disciplinary actions will result in accordance with the Students' Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

Hampton City Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age or other protected classes in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Robbin G. Ruth, Executive Director of Human Resources One Franklin Street, Hampton, VA 23669 757-727-2000