

## AHS Cell Phone Policy

At Aynor High School, the school's cell phone and electronic device policy will be as follows: Cell phone and electronic device usage is prohibited during all instructional time. Teachers will establish classroom procedures for cell phone and electronic device usage and communicate this information to their students. Appropriate times for students to use their devices may include: prior to 8:25 a.m., during class changes, at lunch, and after school. Interfering with the instructional program or a school activity including, but not limited to, inappropriately messaging through the use of a cell phone, a camera cell phone, or any other electronic device, which includes the use of iPods, cameras, handheld games, etc. is prohibited. In addition, such devices are never to be used in any area in which an individual has a reasonable expectation for privacy including, but not limited to, restrooms, locker rooms, and showers. In the event of a violation, school personnel are authorized to take the device from the student but provide for the return of the device to a parent/guardian. First violations are generally considered to be a level I offense (disorderly conduct); succeeding or egregious offenses will result in more serious consequences such as, but not limited to, out-of-school suspension, revocation of the right to bring the device on campus, or immediate suspension pending an evidentiary hearing. The school or district assumes no responsibility for any damaged, lost, or stolen devices. Continued misuse or abuse of a cell phone or electronic device may result in revocation of privileges which includes devices being prohibited and/or turned off and put away during the entire school day. Students may not utilize earbuds, headphones, air pods, or the like if the devices obstruct or prevent students from hearing with regard to their surroundings. For example, students with devices in their ears being unable to hear adults or others speaking to them, providing directives, or unable to hear directions for emergency exit/procedures in the event of a crisis. Failure to comply with this expectation may result in complete revocation of all listening devices being placed in/over the ears during the school day.