

Cell Phone Policy

8:00 – 2:25

Phones will be powered off while inside the building



HCS students may not have personal electronic devices or accessories visible or powered on during the school day or while inside ECHS.

- These devices include cell phones and all other personal electronic devices and accessories including, but not limited to, air pods, smart watches, tablets, wireless headphones, handheld gaming devices, etc.
- These devices must be stored in the student's clear bookbag, powered off, and remain out of sight until the end of the school day (2:25).
- Schools are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

Limited exceptions may be applicable as specified by the high school's administration. Please note, to remain compliant with the South Carolina Proviso, students WILL NOT be able to use their phones during lunches or any other time during the school day. The state defines the school day as from the tardy bell to the dismissal bell.

For every cell phone/electronic device violation, the following will apply:

- Parents will be contacted.
- When confiscated, cell phones/electronic devices will be stored in a secure location until the parent is able to retrieve it.
- A parent or guardian must pick up the cell phone/electronic device from the school.

This policy has made provisions for students who must have their devices to monitor documented medical conditions.

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Disciplinary Consequences

Please note, ECHS does not have ISS and parents will be notified for each violation.

Violation #1 : Warning, Phone Confiscated, & Returned to Student (at dismissal)

Violation #2: Phone Confiscated & Returned to a Parent

Violation #3: Phone Confiscated, Returned to a Parent, & 1 hour After School Detention

Violation #4: Phone Confiscated, Returned to a Parent, 1 day OSS

Violation #5: Phone Confiscated, Returned to a Parent, 3 days OSS

Violation #6: Phone Confiscated, Returned to a Parent, 5 days OSS

Violation #7: Evidentiary Hearing

If a student refuses to give up their cell phone or electronic device, the student will receive a referral for (270) Refusal to Obey and the following consequences will apply:

Violation #1: 1 day OSS

Violation #2: 1-3 days OSS

Violation #3: 3-5 days OSS

Violation #4: Evidentiary Hearing

Additional information about the Student Cell Phone Policy on the

[Horry County Schools Website](http://www.horrycountyschools.com).

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