

## HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

### HCS INTERMEDIATE AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Students who attend an HCS Intermediate School or Middle School may not have personal electronic devices or accessories visible or powered on during the school day or while they are on the school campus. This school day is defined as when they enter the school building and ending when the dismissal bell sounds. These devices include cell phones and all other personal electronic devices and accessories including, but not limited to, air pods, smart watches, tablets, wireless earbuds, handheld gaming devices, etc.

These devices MUST be stored in the student's clear bookbag and must be powered off once students enter the building and remain off and out of sight until the end of the school day. Schools are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

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

- Parents/guardians 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/guardian must pick up the cell phone/electronic device from the front office (times determined by school).

Disciplinary consequences:

- 1st violation: Warning
- 2nd violation: 1 day ISS
- 3rd violation: 2 days ISS
- 4th violation: 1 day OSS
- 5th violation: 3 days OSS
- 6th violation: 5 days OSS
- 7th: 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:

- 1st violation: 1 day OSS
- 2nd violation: 1- 3 days OSS
- 3rd violation: 3 - 5 days OSS
- 4th violation: Evidentiary hearing