



MYRTLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL **Cell Phone Policy**

We're excited Horry County Schools students are "Free to Focus" on engaging in meaningful interactions, collaborating with peers, and cultivating the college- and career-ready skills outlined in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Additional data may be found on the [Horry County Schools website](#).

Students who attend an HCS High School or Program School (AAST and ATA) may not have personal electronic devices or accessories visible or powered on during the school day or while they are on the school campus. The school day is defined as when students 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.

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 entry to the building to the dismissal bell.

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**

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
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