

St. James High School - Free to Focus

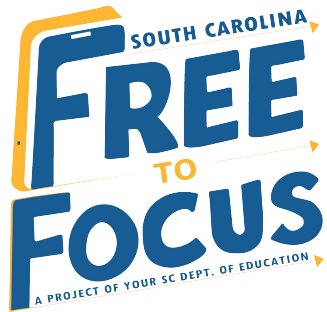
To create a school environment that fosters a positive learning experience free from electronic distractions and cyberbullying, **South Carolina law and Horry County School Board policy** prohibits the use of electronic devices during the school day. This applies from the time students enter the building until the afternoon dismissal bell.



Prohibited devices include, but are not limited to:

- Cell phones
- Earbuds and headphones
- Smart watches
- Video games

All devices must be **powered off** and stored in students' clear book bags during this time.



Consequences

For *all* violations, devices will be confiscated. Parents/guardians must pick up devices from the school after dismissal.

- **1st Violation:** Warning
- **2nd Violation:** 1 day of In-School Suspension (ISS)
- **3rd Violation:** 2 days of ISS
- **4th Violation:** 1 day of Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)
- **5th Violation:** 3 days of OSS
- **6th Violation:** 5 days of OSS
- **7th Violation:** Evidentiary hearing

Refusal to surrender a device leads to additional consequences:

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