

Fairfax County Public Schools | South County High School Cell Phone Policy

Effective for 2024-25 School Year

Policy

In accordance with [Regulation 2601](#), cell phones, smart watches, and headphones may be used on campus before the first bell, after the last bell, during passing periods, and during lunch. Students are expected to have their cell phones silenced and stored at the beginning of class and not accessed during all instructional periods. Smart watches are to be put into airplane mode.

- **Phones must be silenced and stored during all class periods**
- **Phone use is not permitted in the hallway during all class periods**
- **Phone use is not permitted in classrooms or hallways during Advisory/Stallion Time**
- **Phone use and taking pictures or video in the restroom is strictly prohibited.** (Taking pictures, videos, or recordings of any student or staff member without their permission is also prohibited.)

Exceptions:

- Students who need to use their cell phone to monitor a documented medical need (ex. Glucose levels)
- Students with a prescribed need as outlined in their IEP or 504 Plan

Accountability and Consequences

1st Infraction	The teacher will give the student a warning and the student will store the phone as directed by the teacher for the remainder of the class period. A parent/guardian is notified and administrator CC'ed.
2nd Infraction	The phone is collected and given to the subschool. The student can pick up their phone at the end of the school day. A parent/guardian is notified. The student receives detention.
3rd+ Infractions	The phone is collected and given to the subschool. A parent/guardian is notified. A parent/guardian or designee must pick up the phone. The student receives increased detention/consequences.