

Prospect Park School Cell Phone Policy:

We recognize that students may have a need to have cell phones for *after school* hours. In these instances, it is understood that students bringing their phone to school do so at their own risk and that the school and school staff in no way are responsible for lost or damaged phones.

Students **are not permitted** to carry their phone on their person. Phones are to be completely turned off, not silenced, and placed accordingly in the student's locker (or bag for elementary students) until the end of the school day. This is in accordance to stipulations dictated by the Superintendent's office.

Students who cause a disruption or nuisance with their phones will have the phone confiscated. Any student caught using their cell phone in an inappropriate manner, including but not limited to texting, making phone calls from school bathrooms, taking pictures of other students, or posting on social media sites during the school day, will be subject to the full extent of consequences as dictated by the Interboro School District Code of Conduct.

Students may not use cell phones to contact parents for any reason, including illness. Students who need to contact their parents should do so from the office. Any student who uses their personal cell phone to contact their parent/guardian for any reason, including illness, will be subject to consequences as dictated in the Interboro School District Code of Conduct.

During school hours when your student is learning, we ask that **parents do not contact students directly on their cell phones.** This can cause a major disturbance and interferes with the learning and growth of your child. If you need to get in touch with your student, please call the school office. Any student who answers a text or phone call during school hours in any part of the building or on school grounds will be subject to consequences as dictated in the Interboro School District Code of Conduct.

Consequences for Inappropriate use of Cell Phones as Defined Previously:

1st Violation:

Staff member confiscates phone and the student's name is recorded by Admin. Student will receive 2 detentions. Office staff or Admin will phone parent/guardian for pick up by 4:00pm or the following morning (beginning at 7:30am).

2nd Violation:

Level 3 Infraction: Insubordination. Staff member confiscates phone and the student's name is recorded by Admin. Student will receive Morning Detention. Office staff or Admin will phone parent/guardian for pick up by 4:00pm or the following morning (beginning at 7:30am). Student will be required to turn in their phone to the office in the morning.

3rd Violation:

Level 3 Infraction: Persistently Insubordinate. Staff member confiscates phone and the student's name is recorded by Admin. Student will receive Saturday Detention. Office staff or Admin will phone parent/guardian for pick up by 4:00pm or the following morning (beginning at 7:30am). Student may receive 1-day ISS for each instance after 3rd violation. A parent conference may be required.

***When a phone is confiscated, the staff member will ask the student to power-off the phone.