

New Mobile Device Policy for the 2026–2027 School Year

Dear Twin Rivers Families,

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, we want to share an important change regarding student cell phones and other personal electronic devices. In response to California’s **Phone-Free School Act (Assembly Bill 3216)**, Twin Rivers Unified School District is implementing a new Mobile Communication Device Policy this school year. The purpose of the policy is to reduce distractions during the school day and help students remain focused on learning.

What does this mean for students?

TK–8 students: Cell phones, smartwatches, earbuds, headphones, and other personal electronic devices must be off and away for the entire school day, including class time, passing periods, recess, and lunch.

Students in grades 9–12: Devices must be off and away during instructional time. Students may use their devices before school, during passing periods, and at lunch, in accordance with school expectations. Teachers may allow students to use a device for a specific instructional activity.

“Off and away” means the device is turned off or on Do Not Disturb and stored out of sight in a backpack or another location designated by the school.

There are exceptions for students who have a documented need through an IEP, Section 504 Plan, or medical documentation, as well as situations approved by school staff.

How can I reach my child during the school day? If you need to contact your child, please call the school office. Staff will make sure your child receives an important message or is able to connect with you when appropriate.

We understand that adjusting to a new policy may take some time. Staff will provide reminders and support as students learn the new expectations. Continued violations may result in a device being temporarily held and/or parent or guardian contact.

We appreciate your support as we work together to create school environments where students can focus on learning and building positive relationships.

Thank you for your partnership.