

Richmond Elementary School District Mobile Communication Policy



Richmond Elementary School District's top priorities are student safety and student educational achievement. As we all know, cell phones have become a part of daily life. However, they can be a major distraction in a learning environment and can create situations that compromise privacy and safety. Richmond School wants our students to be focused on connecting with classmates, engaging in learning, and enjoying a supportive and safe educational environment.

Parents and guardians, should contact the school office to relay urgent messages during the school day. Students have the availability to use the student office phone to call parents or guardians.

Policy Overview

- Cell phone use is not allowed during the school day. Cell phone use must cease once the student enters campus or building and ends at school dismissal for the day.
- This includes calls, texting, gaming, listening to music, using social media, and any other internet/data use.
- Cellular data/internet-connected watches are also considered a mobile communication device.

Storage Requirements

- Cell phones **must** be powered **OFF** and turned into their teacher for the entire school day.
- Students **may not** carry cell phones in their pockets, place them on/in their desks, or keep them in any location accessible for use during class time.
- At no time should a cell phone be powered on in a classroom, restroom, cafeteria, or gym.

Headphones and Earbuds

- Headphones/earbuds **must** be kept out of sight (not in ears or around the neck) during the school day unless specifically allowed by a teacher for instructional purposes.