

John Tyler High School Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy

John Tyler High School permits students to possess cell phone devices on campus to support student safety before and after school.

Cell phones must be turned off and cannot be visible on campus during the school day. The campus includes loading and unloading areas for cars and buses on the campus grounds. The school day includes but is not limited to, before or after school, class time, passing periods, lunch periods, after school detention or tutorials, during emergency drills, practices for extracurricular events and field trips.

Placing a cell phone on vibrate, texting, using cell phone to video tape or record is prohibited.

Students are not permitted to possess headphones, radios, MP3 players, video/audio records, DVD players, cameras, games or other electronic devices at school unless prior permission has been obtained by campus administration.

Any violation of this policy which causes or involves a distraction or interruption of transportation, the instructional environment or leads to the violation of other district rules or policies will be subject to disciplinary action. Failure to comply with a staff directive to turn in a cell phone will be considered defiance of authority and subject to disciplinary action.

If a parent/guardian must contact a student during the school day they are requested to contact the school office for assistance. Students requiring the use of a phone during the school day must use a school phone available for student use with appropriate permission.

John Tyler High School personnel are not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged cell phone or electronic devices.

State testing guidelines prohibit cell phones during state testing (TAKS, TELPAS, STAAR, EOC). Any violation of this policy can result in the invalidation of the assessment and further disciplinary action.

First Offense:

The cell phone/electronic device will be confiscated and returned to a parent/guardian after a five (5) calendar day waiting period. In accordance with Texas Education Code 37.082 a \$15.00 administrative fee will be collected.

Second Offense:

The cell phone/electronic device will be confiscated and returned to a parent/guardian after a thirty (30) calendar day waiting period. In accordance with Texas Education Code 37.082 a \$15.00 administrative fee will be collected.

Third Offense:

The cell phone/electronic device will be confiscated and returned to a parent/guardian after the end of the school year. In accordance with Texas Education Code 37.082 a \$15.00 administrative fee will be collected.