

Fitzgerald High School

Electronic Device Policy

Fitzgerald High School recognizes that technology is constantly evolving and that many technology tools exist to help support students in their learning. The Fitzgerald Public Schools have long prided itself on the instructional technology it provides for its students, further exemplifying that commitment with the development of 21st century classroom. To that end, a policy that seeks to help educate students on the effective and appropriate uses of electronic communication devices such as cell phones, mp3 players, etc. and revises the procedures and guidelines relating to students and their use of such devices is being implemented for the 2012-2013 school year. The key points of this policy are as follows ...

- The high school buildings will be divided into instructional and non-instructional areas.
- Students will be allowed to use electronic communication devices such as cell phones and mp3 players in non-instructional areas such as the cafeteria before and after school or during lunch, and in the hallways outside of class time, however, not while out of the classroom with a pass.
- Student use of electronic communication devices in instructional areas will be at the discretion of the teacher supervising that classroom or area. The teacher will designate their classroom as a “**YELLOW**” or “**RED**” room at their discretion.
 - In a “**YELLOW**” classroom, students can be permitted to use cell phones, mp3 players, etc. for supervised educational purposes at the discretion of the teacher.
 - In a “**RED**” classroom, students will not be permitted to use any electronic devices and may face disciplinary consequences if they fail to meet that expectation.

The use of electronic communication devices is prohibited at all times in school offices. The school will continue to prohibit the use of any video device in any restroom, locker room or other location where students and staff ‘have a reasonable expectation of privacy’. If a student is found to be in violation of the Electronic Device Policy, he/she would immediately surrender the device to the staff member that makes the request. The staff member will deliver the device to the main office area where it will be held until a documented adult family member can pick it up.

In order to avoid classroom disruptions that may result in disciplinary issues for students, parents are still encouraged to communicate with their students by contacting the attendance office at 586-757-7522, extension 1121.