

Power Personal Technology Policy

“Red and Green”

Beginning the 2016-2017 School Year, Power Middle School will be going to a “Red/Green” policy for personal electronic devices. The school will be considered “Red,” which means that cell phones, electronic devices, and all accessories-including ear buds, headphones and chargers-will not be allowed in classrooms or hallways during regular school hours.

“Green” time occurs when a teacher allows his/her class to use their personal electronic devices for instruction-based activities. This means that phones should be silenced and out of sight the entire class period, beginning the moment students enter the room until their teacher gives permission to use the device(s). This includes charging devices while class is in session. Students will be allowed to carry their devices in their pockets, in case they need to use them in class, but they must always be turned off.

Electronic devices may NOT be used during lunch time, so the cafeteria will also be considered a “Red” area. We strongly believe that students should be socializing and interacting with each other, rather than with their devices.

Student violation of this technology policy will result in a three-tiered action plan:

Violation 1 – The student will surrender his/her phone to the staff member without argument or further conflict. The student will then be able to retrieve their electronic device at the end of the school day from the teacher they surrendered the device to initially. If a phone is taken during last period, the student will surrender it to the teacher for the following day.

Violation 2 – The student will turn off and surrender his/her phone to the staff member without argument or further conflict. The device will be taken to the office and must be retrieved by a parent or legal guardian, who will also speak with an administrator.

Violation 3 - The student will turn off and surrender his/her phone to the staff member without argument or further conflict. A meeting will take place with the parent, student and administrator and the student must turn in their device to the front office at the beginning of the school day and will be allowed to retrieve it after the final bell.

** A student who becomes defiant and/or refuses to surrender their cell phone will be addressed by administration. Administration will follow up and will consider this action as a level 3 violation.*

** The classroom teacher is responsible for contacting the parents during level 1 and 2 violations. Administration will follow up with parents when the student violates the electronic policy a 3rd time.*