

Draper Middle School

Cell Phone Procedures for 2025-2026

MOHONASEN STUDENT ELECTRONICS POLICY

The use of electronic devices is regulated by the administration in each building within the following parameters:

- A. The use of cell phones is not allowed in any building during regular school hours with the exception of the High School, as follows:
 Cell phones and other personal electronic devices (e.g., smart watches, earbuds, headphones, iPads, etc.) are not permitted for use in the instructional classroom setting. Cell phones must be turned off or silenced and notifications must also be turned off, including notifications from a device (such as a smartwatch) that is remotely connected to a cell phone. Cell phones must not be on a student's person but rather secured in a backpack, locker, handbag or other location (such as a teacher cell phone storage area) and not be visible to teachers or school leaders.*
- B. Audio or video recording of any kind (via smart devices, cameras, sound recorders, video recorders, etc.) is strictly prohibited without prior permission from a school official.*
- C. The use of portable speakers is strictly prohibited without the prior permission of a school official.*
- D. This policy applies uniformly and is not open to teacher or staff discretion.*
- E. Limited exceptions to this policy, such as for medical monitoring apps (e.g., glucose monitoring applications) may be issued by school administrators as warranted on a case by case basis.*
- F. School officials reserve the right to take any electronic devices that are being used in a manner contrary to building rules or District policy. Arrangements will be made to return electronic devices in accordance with building rules or District policy.*
- G. Students who do not abide by the electronics policy and choose to carry electronic devices (including, but not limited to, cell phones, cameras, handheld speakers, etc.) do so at their own risk. The school cannot be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged electronic property. The only way to ensure the safety of electronic devices is to leave them at home.*

<i>What is the Draper procedure for 2025-2026?</i>	<p>Students are not allowed to use their phones during regular school hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phones need to be turned off or silenced and stored in the student's locker for the duration of the school day—not in a student's pocket. • Students may appropriately use phones after school hours (after 2:10pm)
<i>What about staff?</i>	Staff members are expected to keep their phones out of sight during regular school hours.
<i>Why is Draper Middle School developing a cell phone procedure?</i>	We are committed to the mental health and academic progress of all of our students. Emerging research demonstrates that prolonged phone use and exposure to social media platforms has a negative impact on the health of adolescents.
<i>What if a student violates the Draper Cell Phone Procedure?</i>	<p>Students who violate the cell phone procedure will receive a behavior referral as a result. Students found in violation will be expected to turn in any electronic devices for the day per the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Offense: 5 School Days • Second Offense: 15 School Days • Continued Offenses: 25 School Days <p>The School Days listed above are consecutive school days. Students who refuse to turn in their cell phones during the assigned dates will be assigned to an in school suspension and have 5 days added to their phone submission timeline.</p>
<i>Turning the phone in:</i>	<p>Every morning during the assigned days, students will arrive at the main office and check in their cell phone with an office staff member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will receive a tag that corresponds to the tag attached to their cell phone that they turn in.

	<p>At the end of the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will present their tag to pick up their cell phone from a staff member in the office.
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