

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY (Cell Phones/Mobile Communication)**

Students may have “silenced” Cell Phones and mobile communication devices on their person.

The use of these devices during instructional time without the permission of the teacher, or in a disruptive manner in the school setting is prohibited.

Cell Phones and Mobile Communication Devices that ring, vibrate excessively, or in any other way disrupt the educational process of a class, are grounds for confiscation of the device by school staff or personnel.

Students are only permitted to use Cell Phones and Mobile Communication Devices in the cafeteria during their lunch periods and in hallways between classes. Use of such devices in classrooms will be restricted and violations will result in confiscation of the device. Texting while walking through hallways is a safety concern and therefore prohibited.

No student shall use a Cell Phone or Mobile Communication Device to violate any Student Code of Conduct, including Computer usage agreements, and/or Bullying Policies.

Examples of unacceptable usage can include but are not limited to: in restrooms or hallways during instructional time, bypassing the nurse or attendance to leave school, cheating, cyber bullying, sexting, taking pictures or videos, using phones in places of school business, and etc.

Each teacher has the right to permit the use of Cell Phones and Mobile Communication Devices for instructional purposes.

Parents may be contacted to claim the student’s cell phone or other electronic devices from a school administrator.

Contents of cell phones may be reviewed and searched if there exists a reasonable suspicion that it may have been used in an activity prohibited by the Code of Conduct.

**The student assumes all risks in bringing such devices onto school property or to school related functions.**

### **Student Handbook -- Rule 40 (Electronic Device Rule)**

#### **Electronic Devices**

Use of certain electronic devices is permitted at North Central Schools as described below.

#### **Disruptive Electronic Devices**

1. Recording devices, radios, pagers, laser pointers, and other electronic devices are deemed distracting to the educational environment. As such, these devices **are not permitted** in any area of North Central Schools buildings
2. The misuse of permissible electronic devices in a manner distracting to other students or school personnel is not allowed. The misuse of electronic devices includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. Use of any electronic device in a classroom or other area of North Central Schools buildings not authorized by school personnel or deemed a Red Zone.
  - b. Listening to video or audio without headphones or earbuds.
  - c. Use of headphones/earbuds at a volume level where others can hear.

#### **Non-disruptive Devices**

1. Non-disruptive devices are defined as electronic devices primarily used for educational purposes.

2. The categories of non-disrupted devices are (a) laptops, (b) netbooks, (c) tablets, (d) eReaders, and (e) audio players (MP3 players).
3. These devices may be used:
  - a. during classroom instruction and in the Media Center *as permitted and directed by school personnel.*
  - b. in Yellow or Green Zones *as permitted and directed by school personnel.*
4. These devices may NOT be used:
  - a. print to North Central Schools printers
  - b. access any North Central Schools servers

### **Mobile Phones**

1. Use of mobile phones for any voice or text communication **is not permitted** during instructional time.
2. Mobile phones may be used as directed by school personnel. Otherwise, mobile phones **must** be turned off or muted during instructional time.
3. Mobile phones possessing advanced functions including Internet access, eReader, and video/audio functions can be classified as Non-disruptive Devices. These functions may be used in Yellow and Green Zones as permitted and directed by school personnel.

### **Consequences for inappropriate use of electronic devices**

Violation of the appropriate use of electronic devices, as described above, (1) may result in detentions, Saturday School, In School Suspension, or Out of School Suspension; and (2) student may be required to turn the device over to school personnel and the student and/or parent may pick up the device from the Main Office at the end of the school day.

### **Printing and/or Server Access**

Printing services is strictly prohibited from personal devices. Access to any services and/or connections to any North Central Schools servers are prohibited.

### **Lost or Damaged Device**

North Central Schools assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of an electronic device brought to school. Students bring these devices at their own risk.

### **North Central Schools Zone Indicators**

**Red Zone:** An area designated as a Red Zone indicates that any personal device, permitted or otherwise, is strictly prohibited. A classroom designated as a Red Zone may ask that all personal devices be placed in a predetermined location or out in plain sight but turned off and not in use. All restrooms and locker rooms are designated as a Red Zone.

**Yellow Zone:** An area designated as a Yellow Zone indicates that personal devices *may* be in use in a limited capacity *as permitted and directed by school personnel.* Classrooms are designated as Yellow Zones giving each teacher the flexibility to change between Red and Green depending on the appropriate environment needed for instruction.

**Green Zone:** An area designated as a Green Zone indicates that personal devices may be in use for school related tasks as permitted and directed by school personnel. At lunch time, the cafeteria and Junior High Gym will be designated as a Green Zone. Hallways will be designated as a Green Zone during non instructional time, meaning use may be permitted between classes.

*\*Texting while walking through the hallways is a safety concern and therefore prohibited.*