

Parkway Central Middle School

Personal Device Guidelines

***These guidelines apply to cell phones, iPads, tablets, personal laptop computers, etc.**

***These guidelines do not apply to school-issued Chromebooks.**

Students may possess or use personal electronic devices on school property, on school buses, or at school-sponsored events according to the following guidelines:



Personal electronic devices are not to be used in areas of the school that are designated as “Red Zones.” **Red Zones include classrooms, hallways, media center, gymnasiums, restrooms and locker rooms.** Cell phones should be on silent or vibrate (preferably turned off), whenever a student is in a Red Zone. The expectation is that staff members do not “see” or “hear” the device in Red Zones. The device should be stored out of sight in a safe place.

Some classrooms may be designated as “Yellow Zones” as determined by individual teachers’ classroom management plans. In Yellow Zone classrooms, the teachers will communicate their expectations for personal device usage.

Personal electronic devices may be used in areas of the school campus that are designated as “Green Zones.” **Before school (until 8:10 bell), after school (following 3:14 bell), and during student lunch periods, the Atrium is designated as a Green Zone.**

Restrictions

- Personal electronic devices **may not be used** to cause any disruption in the educational process or for unethical or illegal purposes. **Prohibited uses include, but are not limited to, cheating on assignments and/or tests, harassing or bullying others, and taking or distributing unauthorized photographs or recordings of other people.**
- Personal electronic devices **may not be used** to access any obscene, threatening or otherwise inappropriate material via any form of electronic communication.
- Personal electronic devices **may not be used** for any activity prohibited by the Parkway School District Code of Conduct, to circumvent Parkway network security, or for any unauthorized access to or inappropriate use of the Parkway computer network.
- **Central Middle School will not be responsible, or liable for,** the theft, loss, data loss, damage, destruction, misuse or vandalism of any student’s personal electronic device brought onto Central Middle property.

With the ALT Project providing a Chromebook to every student, there is generally no legitimate reason for any student to use his/her personal electronic device in a classroom. The Chromebook meets almost all needs of students for the use of technology for instructional purposes.

If a student is found to be in violation of the Personal Electronic Device Guidelines, ***the personal electronic device (cell phone, etc.) may be confiscated by school personnel.*** Refusal by a student to surrender the device is not an option. Personal devices confiscated as a result of a violation will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. Repeated violations may result in additional disciplinary consequences and/or revoking the privilege to bring personal electronic device to school.