

Cell Phones, Electronic/Digital Devices:

Keeping the Combs High School & Combs Middle School classrooms places of Rigor and Relevance creates the need for changes in policy from time to time. Due to the increase in classroom interruptions, incidents of academic dishonesty, and reported thefts, **the following items are NOT allowed on campus:**

- ipods • portable dvd players
- personal laptops • cameras or video recorders
- mp3 players • laser pointers
- headsets • paging devices
- CD players or any personal • any game playing device
- electronic or digital music devices

These items that are unnecessary to our educational process and deemed potentially disruptive will not be allowed at school. The only exception to this policy shall be items brought to the classroom for instructional related activities that are supervised by the classroom teacher.

In addition, **CELL PHONES MAY NOT BE SEEN OR USED during the school day including passing and lunch.** Students may possess cell phones for use before school and after the school day, but their use during the school day from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. is strictly prohibited. **Use is interpreted as using any cell phone function or feature, not just the sending or receiving of calls.** Cell phones must be turned off and kept out of sight. Cell phones may not be turned on until the end of the school day. The student bears total responsibility for safeguarding their cell phone. If an emergency occurs during the school day, a parent/guardian should contact the office immediately. Students will be immediately contacted and brought down to the office, if requested. Students may continue to use cell phones before or after school hours to communicate home and arrange rides. We recognize that technology is a part of the fabric of life today but rather than ban cell phones - we are opting to have reasonable limits to their use.

Lost or stolen cell phones or devices are the responsibility of the student. Bringing the item to school is at the student's own risk for loss/theft. Combs High School & Middle School are not responsible for stolen or missing equipment and we strongly recommended that they not be brought to campus. If a student violates the policy, any staff member may confiscate the device and turn it in to the office. On the first violation - only the student's parent or guardian listed on the emergency card with proof of identity may reclaim the device. The student will receive an In-School Suspension. Use of an electronic device for the purpose of cheating will have additional disciplinary actions. Use of a camera phone is strictly forbidden in private areas and such use may also be in violation of Arizona criminal code.