

KIPP Baltimore

Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy

Baltimore City Schools policy states that all student cell phones & electronic devices must be **powered off, away, and secured during the entire school day**, from arrival through dismissal. This policy covers **all electronic communication devices**, including but not limited to:

- Cell phones
- Tablets
- Wireless headphones/earbuds
- Smart watches & other smart devices, including smart glasses
- Laptops

During the school day, the only devices that students may access are those issued by the school in order to access approved instructional platforms.

During **all school-sponsored or school staff-supervised activities**, including those held outside of the regular school day or off school grounds, student electronic communication **devices must be powered off and away**. School administrators may require that devices be secured as necessary.

City Schools recommends that families keep all electronic devices at home. Students and parents/guardians assume full responsibility for any electronic communication devices brought to school.

For more information on City Schools' electronic communication device policy, access: <https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/page/cell-phone-policy>

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- All personal student electronic communications devices must be powered off, away, and secured during the entire school day from arrival in the building through leaving the building during dismissal.
- Upon entering the school building, students must completely power off all personal electronic communication devices.
- After entering the school at arrival, students must secure their device by turning it in to their designated location by grade band.
 - PK-5 devices are turned in to teachers and locked up within the classroom until dismissal.
 - 6-8 devices are turned in during 1st period. Devices are then locked up centrally until dismissal.
- During any school-sponsored activity, including those outside the regular school day or off school grounds, students must power off and put away all devices. They may be required to secure devices at the

discretion of school administrators.

- If student devices are not powered off, away, and secured as necessary then:
 - The student will be reminded of Baltimore City Schools' policy for electronic devices and asked to power off their device(s) for collection.
 - If the student does not comply with these directions, their parent/guardian will be contacted for support with getting their student to ensure that their device is powered off, away, and secured by school staff until the end of the school day.
- If a student was in violation of the device policy and refuses to turn over their device, an administrative search may be conducted to locate the device.
- City Schools advises that students keep their electronic devices at home. Students and their parents/guardians assume full responsibility for any devices brought onto school property. Devices are vulnerable to loss, damage, or theft. City Schools and school staff do not assume responsibility for any devices brought onto school property or to school-sponsored events. Families should label all devices with owner information and report any missing devices immediately to school administrators. In the event of a theft, families should inform school administrators and/or School Police as soon as possible.
- Under no circumstance is photographing or audio/video-recording allowed on school grounds.
- **It should be noted that refusal to surrender a cell phone or other electronic device when directed to do so by an administrator is a violation of the BCPSS Regulations and Code of Conduct.**

The staff of KIPP Baltimore requests your full cooperation and partnership with this policy.

Sincerely,



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