



THE CATHOLIC ACADEMY
OF STAMFORD

Cell Phone/Electronic Device Use Policy

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Cell Phones: The Catholic Academy of Stamford does not encourage students to carry cell phones or electronic watches to school. However, we do understand that some parents of older students in Grades 6-8 may feel that having a cell phone is necessary because of activities that may involve their child during after school hours. Please note the following as related to this regulation:

1. No student in Grades Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 5 is permitted to bring a cell phone or electronic watch to school for any reason. Children of this age level should be closely monitored during their after school activities by an adult. Those directly responsible for their supervision after school will be the persons who contacts parents if needed.

2. Students in Grades 6-8 only are permitted to bring a cell phone or electronic watch and will be expected to follow the guidelines here regarding these devices:

Students in Grades 6-8 who need to have a cell phone/Apple watch or other comparable device, must have them turned off and may not use them at all during the school day.” If a parent determines that his/her child should carry a cell phone, Apple watch or other comparable device, we ask that the parent explain to the student that:

- Upon arrival to school, all cell phones and Apple watches or comparable device must be turned off and turner in to their homeroom teacher. These devices will be stored in an identified container within homeroom and will remain in this location all day. These devices will not be accessed by students during the school day. At dismissal students may retrieve these electronic devices.
- The Catholic Academy of Stamford is not responsible for any loss or damage to cell phones carried into the school building.
- Under no circumstances may pictures, videos, recordings, email or text messaging be used by students on the premises of The Catholic Academy of Stamford. The same guidelines apply while traveling on school buses to and from school sponsored events.
- The Catholic Academy of Stamford reserves the right to review any content including but not limited to electronic communications received, stored, or sent while on school grounds or on field trips off of school grounds.
- Students who need to call parents during the school day must request permission to go to the school office and call their parents in the presence of school personnel.

Any student who does not follow the Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy, will receive the following consequences:

First Offense:

- Student will have the cell phone/Electronic device taken away and will not be returned until a parent comes to retrieve it.
- A Behavior Warning will be given to the student.

Second Offense:

- Upon a second incident a student will lose the privilege to carry a cell phone/Electronic Device for the remainder of the academic year.
- A Behavior Detention will be given to the student

Other Electronic Devices (I-pads, personal tablets)

No student in any grade (Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 8) is permitted to bring an I-Pad, personal tablet, or any other electronic device to school for any reason. (This includes field trips.)

Any student who does not follow the Electronic Device Policy, will receive the following consequences:

First Offense:

- Student will have the device taken away and will not be returned until a parent comes to retrieve it.
- A Behavior Warning will be given to the student

Second Offense:

- Upon a second incident a student will receive a Behavior Detention.