

Trinity Christian School
School-Wide Cell Phone Policy
2024-2025

“I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 7:35

Trinity Christian School desires to help educate students to become Godly and discerning users of modern technology. While we understand the importance and benefit of cell phones in everyday life, we have found that they can be detrimental to the educational process if not monitored properly. In addition to students being distracted by sending and receiving data (text messages, photos, etc.), cell phones and other electronic devices can be used to gain unauthorized assistance in testing or other school assignments. Similarly, when using a cell phone, students can also potentially access web sites that are normally blocked on our school computer network. Thus, in order to maintain an optimal learning environment, Trinity Christian School has adopted the following cell phone policy.

SECTION 1 - TIME FRAME

Students are to follow the cell phone policy between 7:30am-3:05pm each school day. The school is not responsible/accountable for cell phone usage after 3:05pm on school campus.

SECTION 2 - PERMISSION

If a student needs to contact his/her parents during school hours to inform them of a change in transportation or sports scheduling, illness, or emergency, they may carry their cell phone to the office and use it in the presence of office staff.

SECTION 3 - GUIDELINES

Upon arriving at school, students are expected to turn their cell phone completely off and place it in their locker. Students are not permitted to make phone calls, send or receive text messages, access social media, or turn their cell phone on during school hours. Students are always encouraged to use the school phone for these types of calls.

Smartwatches may be worn on campus but may NOT be connected to the internet or have the capability to make calls. If a student misuses a smartwatch during school hours, a discipline report will be filed within FACTS, and the student will not be able to wear the watch to school any longer.

SECTION 4 - DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A student in violation of the Trinity Christian School cell phone policy may incur these or other disciplinary actions:

1. Upon the first offense of a student's cell phone violation, the student's phone will be turned in to the front office by a staff member and the student may retrieve it at the end of the school day. The incident will be recorded in FACTS.
2. The second cell phone offense within one school year will result in a parent/guardian coming to the school to retrieve the cell phone from an administrator. The incident will be recorded in FACTS.
3. If the policy continues to be disregarded, a conference will be scheduled between the guardian and an administrator to discuss further disciplinary action.