

Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices

At Thayne Elementary School, we believe that academic and social development are essential to every child's educational experience. The use of personal electronic devices in school, such as cell phones and smart watches, can significantly disrupt the pursuit of these goals. In order to minimize these distractions, the following information outlines Thayne Elementary School's policy for student use of personal electronic devices.

1. A personal electronic device shall be defined as an electronic device brought from home to school. Some examples include cell phones, smart watches, tablets, devices that have capabilities of taking photos and/or recording audio or connectivity to WiFi, and portable gaming systems.
2. Personal electronic devices shall not be used by students on school grounds, during school hours for the purpose of sending/receiving phone calls or text messages, taking photos/videos, and gaming. Exceptions include:
 - a. Medical devices approved by school administration.
 - b. The use of smart watches shall be limited only to their utility as a watch to tell time (parents of students who wear a smart watch are strongly encouraged to utilize available controls that disable other features during school hours).
 - c. As otherwise directed by school administration or staff.
3. Telecommunication between students and parents shall be facilitated using a school phone in the office or classroom.
4. Violation of this policy will result in the following actions:
 - a. First offense - warning.
 - b. Second offense - device relocated to the office for students to retrieve at the end of the school day.
 - c. Third offense - device relocated to the office for parents to retrieve.