



FRMS Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy 2023-24

Students **may use cell phones**, smart watches, and other mobile communication devices on campus **during non-instructional time**. Mobile communication devices shall be **turned off during instructional time, unless permitted by teacher or administrator** (Education Code 48901.5, 48901.7) . Students are not permitted to use mobile communication devices in hallways during instructional time.

- When the student needs to communicate with the parent during school hours, they may request the use of the phone in the classroom or office. When the parent needs to communicate a message to the student, the parent will leave the message with the office and the message will be relayed to the student.

When a student uses a mobile communication device in an unauthorized manner, the **student may be disciplined and the device confiscated**.

Foothill Ranch Middle School is not responsible for lost, stolen, or confiscated electronic devices, nor will we investigate lost or stolen items. Please keep items of high value at home. Refusal to surrender your phone when asked is defiance. Defiance can result in suspension and the parent will be contacted.

For consideration of student safety, violations for electronic devices confiscated by staff members include:

- **1st Offense**- teacher will confiscate the phone and return it back to the student at the end of the class period.
- **2nd Offense**- the device will be turned into the office/IC. Students will document the incident and parents/ guardians will be contacted. The phone will be returned back to the student at the end of the day. *Multiple infractions will result in detention assigned by the vice principal.*
- **3rd Offense forward**- the device will be turned into the office/IC. A parent must collect the phone from the office; Students will not be able to collect phones without a parent/ guardian. *Multiple infractions will result in detention assigned by the vice principal.*
- **If the problems persist, continuous progressive discipline will follow.**

**Students and parents/ guardians must provide staff with identification
when picking up a device.**