

## **Granite Hill School Cell Phone/Electronic Devices Policy**

Dear Parents and Guardians;

### **Cellular phones and personal communication devices- are prohibited during the school day**

The use of personal communication devices by students during the school day has become a constant disruption to the educational environment, not conducive to productive learning experiences and often the source of multiple disciplinary interventions. Due to this Granite Hill is making a change to our cell phone/ electronic devices policy. The following conditions will be in effect as of July 5, 2023:

Students may not have a personal communication device (cell phone or other electronic device) “on” or in use during instructional time or in a location that allows the student to hear or see the activated device during instructional time. Any such item must be stored in a personal backpack or school designated area. Such items should not be kept on the person or in the clothing of a student as doing so allows the student to access the device with ease. Granite Hill will provide a locked space for all students to store their devices. A staff member will collect device for storage at the beginning of each school day.

Communication during emergency conditions- all staff members have access to communication devices during instructional time and can contact the school office should emergency conditions arise. During an actual school emergency, students who access stored personal communication devices to make calls for assistance will not be penalized.

Personal wired headphones that plug directly into the school issued Chromebook/computer will be allowed for instructional purposes as assigned by the teacher when using the school issued device.

### **Discipline of students**

If a student violates this policy and is found to have a device out during class time or other school times, they will be sent to administration. If administration determines that the student has failed to demonstrate the ability to adhere to applicable rules, regulations and policy. Any student who uses a personal cell phone, communication device or accessories will result in the device being removed from the student and turned into administration. Parents/legal guardians of minor students will be required to make arrangements for picking up the device.

### **Teachers and staff members**

1. Teachers and staff members will enforce the terms of this Regulation as well as other applicable regulations and policies in a consistent and fair manner.
2. Teachers will not be required to confiscate a personal communication device from a student who is in violation of this Regulation. Students will be sent out of class to Administration.
3. A teacher will be at the door at the beginning of each school day to collect and secure devices from students.
4. Students may not be authorized to use personal communication devices to fill instructional time or to occupy students in lieu of providing instructional activities or as a reward.

Granite Hill is dedicated to providing a distraction free environment that will assist students with being present at school, free from the constant interruptions of personal devices. We ask that parents and guardians support this policy and discuss it with your students before they return to school. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Attwood at 603-863-0697 or at [sarah@granitehillschool.org](mailto:sarah@granitehillschool.org)