



2024-2025 Mulrennan MS Electronic Use Policy

Maintaining the integrity of the learning environment is our top priority, thus Mulrennan's policy for electronic devices is "away every day" during school hours (9:35 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.).

Students are permitted to have cell phones in their possession throughout the school day. However, cell phone USE is prohibited. Electronic devices will remain on silent in the student's backpack, lunchbox, purse, or out of sight while the student is on school property. Use of a device is restricted to before school and after school.

Again: Cell Phones, Headphones, Earbuds, Ear pods, and other wireless communication devices are to be **out of sight** during instructional time (inside and outside of classrooms; this includes hallways, cafeteria and restrooms). They will NOT be allowed to be out or visible during transitions.

(Please note: MMS has received laptop carts for every classroom. This has eliminated the need for personal devices for instructional purposes.)

During times of state testing and other student evaluations, teachers will request that students remove their cell phone from their possession reducing the possibility of compromised test security.

When can I use my cell phone/electronic device and/or have it out where it is visible?	When does my cell phone/electronic device have to be <u>OUT OF SIGHT</u>? (in a bag, not in a pocket)
Before entering campus	As soon as enter campus and proceed to holding area and until the dismissal bell rings.
After the dismissal bell rings	In the hallways, restrooms and during all transitions
	During all classes



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Display or use of Cell Phones, Headphones, Earbuds, Ear pods, and other electronic devices personal electronic devices without permission will result in the following consequences:

1st Offense = Cell phone/device is confiscated. Cell phone/device will be sent to the office. The infraction will be recorded by office personnel. The student may pick up the device at the end of the school day.

2nd Offense = Cell phone/device is confiscated. Cell phone/device will be sent to the office. The infraction will be recorded by office personnel and the family notified. The student may pick up the device at the end of the school day.

3rd Offense = Cell phone/device is confiscated. Cell phone/device will be sent to the office. The infraction will be recorded by office personnel. **The parent/guardian must pick up the device in the school office.**

Continued offenses will result in progressive discipline consequences.

From HCPS Policy Manual (updated 7/23/2024):

Wireless Communication and Other Electronic Devices

The use of wireless communication devices is always prohibited during the instructional day, unless expressly directed by a teacher, staff, and/or administrative staff. Wireless communication devices (WCD) will remain on silent in the student's backpack, lunchbox, purse, pocket, or out of sight while the student is on school property or in attendance at a school function. Use of a device is restricted to before school and after school.

Violations of the cell phone policy will be handled in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and may result in confiscation of said device. If the WCD is used in a criminal act (such as sexting, as outlined in Florida Statutes and the Student Code of Conduct), the cell phone will be provided to law enforcement and the student may face criminal penalties.

At no time shall Hillsborough County Public Schools be responsible for theft, loss or damage to cell phones or other electronic devices brought onto its property.

Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of WCDs on school premises/property.