



Gainesville High School

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GHS Cell Phone Policy

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES (All Grade Levels)

(Possession and Use of Personal Telecommunications Devices - mobile telephones, laptops, tablets or handheld devices)

For instructional purposes Gainesville High School permits students to possess personal mobile telephones, laptops, tablets or handheld devices; these devices must remain turned off during all testing unless they are being used as an approved testing modification. These devices must remain turned off and stored during the instructional day, unless a student has teacher approval to utilize student-owned devices in the classroom. The teacher is required to designate approved instructional times in their daily lesson plans. Lesson plans must be submitted to the campus administrative team seven days in advance of that particular lesson for device approval to be considered valid.

Electronic devices and accessories may be used for instructional purposes as determined by Gainesville High School guidelines. During non-instructional times and zones, electronic devices and accessories may be used within designated areas following campus guidelines.

Non instructional times and zones are:

- The GHS cafeteria from 7:00 AM until the first period commencement bell.
 - Electronic devices and accessories are not permissible during passing periods, in hallways, in restrooms, in the gymnasium, or during the student dismissal process.

Students are prohibited from sending or posting electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing obscene, sexually oriented, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or other content will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct and may, in certain circumstances, be reported to law enforcement.

Confiscation:

District employees may confiscate telecommunication devices, including mobile telephones, used in violation of applicable Gainesville High School rules.

Notice of Confiscation:

A member of the Gainesville High School Staff will notify the parent(s) of a confiscated device within 48 hours after the device is confiscated.

Retrieving a Device:

A confiscated telecommunications device shall be released for a fee that has been approved by the District School Board. In accordance with the Gainesville High School student handbook, the student's parent may retrieve the device after paying the fee. All confiscated telecommunication devices will be available for parent and/or guardian pickup after the close of the school day. Items cannot be retrieved before the school day concludes.

- On the first offense and second offense, the telecommunications device shall be confiscated and then returned to the parent with a warning for the student/parent. The parent and student will sign the written warning.
- On the third offense (and incremental offenses thereafter), a \$15 fine shall be required before the telecommunications device is returned.
 - A parent may elect to forgo the fine in place of an alternative deterrent.
 - If the fine is not paid, the student will be required to report to the front office to turn in their electronic device(s) each day for a period of five consecutive school days. The device(s) will be available for student retrieval at the conclusion of each school day for this situation only. All other confiscations must be retrieved by a parent and/or guardian.
- Any subsequent telecommunications device violation of this policy shall be subject to established disciplinary measures in accordance with the Campus Student Code of Conduct. Additionally, subsequent violations will also be subject to the third offense procedures.
 - Fourth Offense = Thursday Night School Detention (4:00 PM to 8:00 PM) + Third Offense Fine
 - Fifth Offense = Saturday School Detention (8:00 AM to 12:00 PM) + Third Offense Fine
 - Sixth Offense = 3 Days In School Suspension (ISS) + Third Offense Fine

The parent may pay the fine to retrieve the device at the end of the school day. Fines cannot be paid before the school day concludes.

Disposal:

Confiscated electronic devices shall be held for a period up to 30 days after notification has been made. All reasonable attempts shall be made to return the electronic device to the parent. After the 30-day period has expired, the District shall dispose of the electronic device.