# ROSEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

### PERSONAL DEVICE POLICY & FAQs

#### **Expectations:**

- Devices are away during instructional time, whether in class or not.
- Check and use your device during passing time, but it cannot make you late.
- No headphones during instructional and passing time. Headphones may be used during lunch.
- All students are expected to follow these expectations.

RHS is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items, and school time will not be interrupted to deal with it.

#### Why limit device use during the day?

While personal devices are valuable for communication and safety, **they are constant distractions in class.** Our goal is to create a focused, respectful environment where students can fully engage in learning.

**Personal devices are our largest contributor to behavioral issues.** Cyberbullying, social isolation, unauthorized recording, and conflicts that escalate through messaging/social media apps are disruptive and affect students' emotional well-being.

Personal devices are expensive, and when students use or leave them out during the day, they are more likely to be misplaced, broken, or stolen. Limiting use helps protect students' property and reduces conflict around missing or damaged devices.

Our goal is to support your student's academic success, emotional growth, and safety — both digitally and physically — by creating a school environment that encourages responsibility, focus, and respectful use of technology.

#### Isn't managing device use a personal responsibility?

Yes and our goal is to help students build that responsibility. But just like we limit other distractions, we guide students toward healthy, focused habits during instructional time.

#### What happens if my student uses their device during class?

Our approach starts with redirection and reminders. Repeated issues may result in consequences aligned with our school values and policy, always with a focus on helping students learn and grow. iPads & personal computers are no longer allowed on campus.

### When will my student be able to connect with me?

Instructional time is protected time. Students are welcome to access personal devices during passing time and lunch, but not at the expense of their timeliness to class. This supports social connection and reinforces academic focus.

### What if I need to get a message to my student?

Please call the school at **586-445-5550** and we will connect you with your student or support them getting your message. Or schedule a text to go to your student during their lunch period.

### What about an extreme campus emergency situation?

Student safety is our top priority. Your student will have their device on their person to connect with you.

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### PERSONAL DEVICE VALUES

### Responsibility

We believe in helping students develop good habits and accountability. Limiting personal device use during school hours teaches boundaries, time management, and respect for classroom norms. We're not just restricting access — we're teaching responsible use of powerful tools. Personal devices certainly have a place in life but learning when not to use them is part of becoming a thoughtful, self-regulated adult.

## **Healthy Decisions**

Using a device all day can isolate students, increase anxiety, and disrupt learning. Encouraging students to unplug during class and engage face-to-face helps them build confidence, friendships, and focus. Whether it's maintaining attention during instruction, avoiding online drama, or reducing the temptation of social media, we want students to practice habits that support their emotional and academic health.

# Safety

We know that parents want their students to be reachable, and we want that too — but we also know that real safety in a school environment means more than just having a device in hand.

Our staff is trained to respond in emergencies, and we maintain secure systems of communication to keep all students safe. By reducing the distractions and social pressures that devices often bring—like cyberbullying, inappropriate content sharing, and constant notifications—we're protecting students emotionally, socially, and physically.

Connected when it counts. Focused when it matters.

Peace of mind for you. Peace and focus for them.

Emergency ready, distraction free.

Help us protect their attention.