

CELL PHONE USE

During the school day (defined as being from the time a student arrives on campus each morning until school is dismissed for the day), cell phones must be turned off and may not be used by students anywhere in the school. Cell phones are a potential distraction to the classroom learning environment, an avenue for harassment and cyberbullying in the school, and compromise law, order and the safety of GSAA students and staff. This could potentially be disruptive to the school climate. Granite State Arts Academy provides enough technology through Chromebooks and the computer lab for academic needs.

There is no reason that a student should need to use a cell phone during the regular school day. In any instance requiring an emergency communication with a student, our school will immediately assist the student, a parent, or other responsible adult with that situation by using a school telephone. If a parent and guardian must contact their student, it is required to be done through the GSAA main telephone number: 603 912 4944. If a student receives a call on their cellphone, no matter who it is, the cellphone will be confiscated.

The only reasons for school personnel to ask a student to surrender a cellphone would be:

- a.** If the cell phone rang or vibrated (which would mean that the phone was turned on, and in violation of the policy), or
- b.** If school personnel saw the cellphone (which would mean that the device was visible, and in violation of the policy)

If a student is found to be in violation of the Cell Phone Policy, school personnel will confiscate the device. Refusal by a student to surrender the device is not an option. Cell phones will be confiscated as a result of a first violation and will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. Cell phones confiscated as a result of further violations (second, third, etc.) will be returned to the parent/guardian at the end of the school day. If a parent cannot pick up the cellphone at the end of the school day, it will be held until a mutual meeting time can be scheduled.

Student refusal to surrender cell phone procedure

Level 1: If a student is found to be in violation of the Cell Phone Policy, he/she will be asked by school personnel to surrender the device. If he/she does so, and it is a first offense of the year, the device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. If it is the second (or more) offense, the device will be returned to the parent at the end of the school day.

Level 2: If the student refuses to surrender the device immediately, an administrator will be called to assist, and the student will be taken to the office of the administrator. The administrator will attempt to convince the student to surrender the device. If the student does so, the device will be returned to the parent/guardian at the end of the day. As a result of refusing to surrender the device immediately, the student will serve a detention on the next scheduled detention day.

Level 3: If the student refuses to surrender the device to the administrator, an attempt will be made to contact a parent to obtain assistance in convincing the student to surrender the device. If the student does so, the device will be returned to the parent. As a result of having to call a parent to bring compliance with the administrator's request, the student will serve a 1 day out of school suspension.

Level 4: If the student still refuses to surrender the device after parent intervention he/she will be suspended from school for 3 days.