



WESLEYAN ACADEMY

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It is the school's strong preference that students not bring cell phones to school.

However, if cell phones are brought to school, students are not allowed to use them during school hours, including break and lunch, from the first bell (7:55 a.m.) to the dismissal bell (2:30 p.m. on cycle days 2 and 5; 3:15 p.m. on cycle days 1, 3, 4, 6). The school is willing to deliver important messages to the students during the school day when necessary. If a student brings a cell phone to school, it must be turned off (not vibrating) AND:

- High School - kept in the student's locker until school is out. Students are responsible for keeping locker combinations confidential.
- Elementary School – kept in the student's book bag or as instructed by teachers.
- Wi-Fi is available on campus. Students are not allowed to use personal internet or hot spots that come with some cell phones, tablets, and other devices while on campus. The school will not be held responsible for any items/posts by students on social media.
- Library use during after-school hours: cell phones will be kept on silent (vibrate). Students may not talk on phones when in the Library.
- Field Trips: Cell phones may be taken on field trips to take notes, to take photos for class reports, and to contact parents. Use of the phones for any other reason during field trips will result in a violation.

Infractions to the policy will carry the following consequences:

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| 1st violation | Cell phone will be confiscated until parent picks up the phone. Student will be oriented and will receive a written warning. Parent signs the written warning. |
| 2nd violation | Cell phone will be confiscated until parent picks up the phone. Student will receive an after-school detention and loses privilege to bring cell phone to school. |
| 3rd violation | Cell phone will be confiscated until the parent picks up the phone and student will receive a one-day suspension. |

As per the school-wide discipline plan, three suspensions in a year may result in the Admissions Committee issuing a “no return” status for the following school year.

Any student who uses a cell phone to cheat on tests will receive a zero on the test and a one-day suspension and all grades for the day of suspension will be a zero.

Any student who takes unauthorized videos or pictures of teachers, personnel, or students will be suspended and all grades for the day of suspension will be a zero.

All WA personnel have the authority to enforce the cell phone policy.

Parent Responsibility:

- WA discourages texting or calling students during school hours.
- We strongly encourage parents to activate parental controls on cell phones (by downloading an app for this).

Disclaimer: Wesleyan Academy will not be held responsible for the security, safety, damage, theft or loss of cell phones and any other electronic equipment brought to school.

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Wesleyan Academy does not discriminate in any of its policies, practices, or procedures on the basis of race, class, color, national or ethnic origin, sex or handicap as defined by law.

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