



# MRJH Telecommunication Policy 2023-2024

The MRJH telecommunication policy is established to remove barriers to learning, and to minimize student safety hazards.

Telecommunication devices are defined as items such as, but not limited to, cell phones, smart phones, smart watches, electronic readers, and laptops with the capability of sending and receiving messages or information, and any related accessories (including but not limited to wires, headphones/airpods, and ear clips).

*Katy ISD Discipline Management Plan/Student Code of Conduct, Pg 19.*

- Telecommunication devices are **NOT** permitted to be used in the hallways between 8:55 AM and 4:05 PM.
- Telecommunication devices are **NOT** permitted to be used in restrooms/locker rooms at all times.
- Personal telecommunication devices are **NOT** permitted to be used in classrooms.
- Telecommunication devices **CAN** be brought to school, but must be put away and out of sight during class and transition periods

### When **CAN** students use telecommunication devices at MRJH?

- In the morning until 8:55 AM bell. All Telecommunication devices **MUST** be put away and out of sight when students begin to transition to first period.
- In the cafeteria during lunch time.
- For medical reasons (documentation must be on file with the school nurse). E.g. Some diabetic students use an app on their cell phone to check their blood sugar levels.

### Are **SMART** watches allowed at MRJH?

- Yes. However, if SMART watches become a distraction and/or a barrier to learning, individual students will be subject to the consequences of violating the telecommunication device policy.

### MRJH Staff Expectations

- If a personal telecommunication device is seen in the hallway or classroom, staff will collect the telecommunication device and turn it into the appropriate AP office.
- Telecommunication devices that have been collected should be turned into the AP office by a staff member at the end of the period. Staff members can also email the appropriate grade level AP secretary for pick up.



### Consequence for telecommunication device violation (*resets every grading period*):

#### First Offense

- a. Discipline Referral
- b. Verbal conference with grade level AP
- c. Telecommunication device stored in AP office for remainder of day

#### Second Offense

- a. Discipline Referral
- b. Telecommunication device stored in AP office for remainder of day
- c. One day lunch detention

#### Third Offense

- a. Discipline Referral
- b. Telecommunication device stored in AP office.
- c. One day after school detention
- d. Parent pick up Telecommunication device

#### Fourth Offense

- a. Discipline Referral
- b. Telecommunication device stored in AP office.
- c. One Saturday detention
- d. Parent pick up telecommunication device

#### Fifth Offense (and every offense after)

- a. Discipline Referral
- b. Telecommunication device stored in AP office.
- c. Overnight suspension
- d. Parent pick up Telecommunication device (at conference)

\* Refusal to turn in Telecommunication devices upon request becomes non-compliance and will result in disciplinary consequences according to the Katy ISD Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct.