

NRJH: Cell Phone Guidelines

In addition to Alvin ISD's Student Responsible Use Guidelines for Technology, Nolan Ryan Junior High has established some guidelines to ensure the safety of students, as well as promote an engaging learning environment that is free of distractions.

Students are welcome to bring electronic devices to school, at their own risk, to use to enhance classroom instruction. Nolan Ryan Junior High also enjoys access to an array of school-owned devices that may be used as students learn with guidance from their teachers. However, the following guidelines and expectations will be in place for the 2018-19 school year:

- Devices may be used before school, during lunch, or after school, as long as the activity is appropriate for the school setting. Examples of appropriate activities include learning apps, games with school-appropriate themes, listening to music, and communicating with friends.
- Students may NOT use devices during class, unless permitted by the teacher for an instructional activity. This includes answering phone calls or text messages.
- Students may NOT use devices during passing periods or in the hallway.
- During the times that devices are permitted, students may use ONE earbud only. This allows them to hear announcements and instructions.
- Students may NOT take pictures or videos at school, unless specifically instructed to do so for a learning activity.
- If you need to communicate with your child due to an emergency, please call the front office. This allows us to give your child privacy and support, as needed.
- Students who are not using their devices according to these guidelines may have their device collected and stored in the office, where a parent or guardian must pick it up and pay a \$15 fine.

In order to help our students acclimate to these expectations, we will follow this schedule:

1st week of school: Reminders

2nd week of school: Confiscated devices may be picked up by students at the end of the day.

3rd week and on: Confiscated devices must be picked up by a parent or guardian with a \$15 fine.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we work to create a supportive, nurturing environment that is conducive to learning and allows students to focus on the content.

I've read and understand the above cell phone guidelines. I will discuss the policies with my student.

Parent or guardian signature

Date