TCCS 2026-2027 MOBILE DEVICE EXPECTATIONS

Beginning this school year TCCS is implementing a mobile device expectation for all students that during educational and transition times, mobile devices are prohibited in the educational setting. Our goal Is to keep students focused and foster a distraction-free school environment.

Research shows limiting mobile device usage during the school day helps students to:

- Improve academic achievement
- Improve focus
- Support mental health and wellness.
- Build Stronger relationships and promotes social growth.
- Create a more positive and safer school environment

What does this expectation mean for my student during the school day?

- At 7:55am all students must turn mobile devices off.
- Students will store mobile devices in their locker or backpack.
- Students can use their mobile device in the cafeteria during their assigned lunch period. At the end of lunch students must turn off devices and store them again.
- Students can turn their phones back on at 3:11pm after the bell

MOBILE DEVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE USED DURING

- Classes
- Hallway Transitions
  ***including going to/from lunch and standing in lunch line*
- Assemblies
- Nurses office
- Restrooms
- Any instructional activity during the day

WHERE CAN STUDENTS USE MOBILE DEVICES?

- In the cafeteria during student assigned 30 minute lunch period
- After the 3:11pm dismissal bell
- During approved after school activities

FAQ FOR TCCS FAMILIES

WHY THE CHANGE FOR STUDENTS?

PA House Bill 1814 requires all public schools to adopt a bell to bell mobile device policy by the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year. TCCS is beginning the transition now.

WHERE SHOULD STUDENTS KEEP THEIR DEVICES?

Students should keep ALL mobile devices powered off and either in their locker, in their backpack or in another approved school location.

CAN STUDENTS USE THEIR MOBILE DEVICE DURING LUNCH?

*Students **ARE PERMITTED** to use their mobile devices during their assigned 30 minute lunch period. This means that **in the cafeteria** is the only permitted place and time in the school building to use their device.*

WHAT IF I NEED TO CONTACT MY CHILD?

Please call or the school office. Messages will be relayed to students. 814-484-3550 x 101 or x 102 .

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS TO CONTACT ME?

Students may ask a teacher or administrator for permission to use a school telephone.

ARE CHROMEBOOKS/IPADS INCLUDED?

No. School issued instructional devices remain available for educational purposes during the day. School issued technology is monitored continuously by the IT department.

WHAT DEVICES ARE INCLUDED IN THIS EXPECTATION?

- *Cell phones*
- *Smart Phones*
- *Tablets*
- *Smart Devices (including watches) capable of communication*
- *Internet-enabled portable electronic devices*
- *Portable Gaming systems*
- *Earbuds/headphones*

Infractions of this expectation will follow the cell phone policy in the TCCS 2026-2027 Student Handbook.

We at TCCS are confident that this new expectation and plan will help our students to reach their full potential in our learning environment.