



# Hickory Career & Arts Magnet High School

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## To the students and families of Ms. Starring's Science Class,

I am sharing this letter with you concerning our school and classroom policy on cell phones and other electronic devices. In an attempt to insure your learner's success, I must implement a no cell phone policy during the class period. Students will have access to Chromebooks throughout the class. If there is an emergency involving your student, students can call home from the office. We will continue to accept your calls and messages from the office during class.

As per the student handbook, electronic devices include cell phones, media players, computers, headphones, speakers, cameras, etc. **These are not to be used during instructional time (9:00-4:00 during a class period), unless specifically allowed by a teacher in the classroom for instructional purposes.** When allowed, these devices should not interrupt student learning. Electronic devices should be put away and turned off during instructional time. Any use of a cell phone, camera, or any other electronic device during a testing situation will be considered an academic misconduct offense. A student possessing an electronic device will assume responsibility for its care. At no time will Hickory Public Schools or HCAM be responsible for preventing theft, loss, or damage to electronic devices brought onto its campus.

HCAM is not a charging station for personal devices. Students are expected to charge their devices off campus and not during instructional time.

**For safety reasons, headphones should never be used during the school day with the exception of a student's lunch time and only in the cafeteria or picnic area. It is important that a student can hear someone speaking to them.** Not using headphones includes but is not limited to, class changes as students move through the halls. Speakers are not to be used during the school day.

If a student uses an electronic device when directed otherwise by a teacher or principal, the consequences are as follows:

<u>1st Offense</u>	<u>2nd Offense</u>	<u>3rd Offense</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone or electronic device is placed in the Phone Prison until the end of class</li> <li>Parent/Guardian communication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone or electronic device is placed in the Phone Prison for 5 days for the entire period</li> <li>Parent/Guardian communication</li> <li>Incident Report completed and submitted to Mr. Puryear</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone or electronic device is placed in the Phone Prison each day until the end of the semester</li> <li>Parent/Guardian communication</li> <li>Incident Report completed and submitted to Mr. Puryear</li> </ul>

Thank You,  
Amanda M. Starring