

CSCA Cell Phone Policy

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Cell phones, smart watches, and earbuds are not allowed for use on school grounds. If a student brings any of these devices, they must be turned off and stored in the phone lockers provided by the school. Cell phones are not permitted to be stored in backpacks or personal lockers. Students can retrieve their devices when dismissed and may turn them on when outside the building before or after school. Personal cell phones cannot be used to call home for reasons such as illness, homework, or lunches. Students must go to the office to make these calls.

A note on this change: Phones can be a major distraction in a school setting. Notification, calls, and messages can interrupt students' focus and hinder their ability to absorb information. Studies have shown that students tend to perform better academically in environments where cell phones are not allowed. The constant temptation to check their phones can prevent students from fully engaging with their lesson. By keeping phones out of the classroom, we can create a more focused, engaging, and safe learning environment for students. In Colorado, school officials can conduct searches based on a "reasonable suspicion" that the student has violated a school rule or the law.

**Please note that CSCA staff is not responsible for damage done to cell phones while in the school's possession. CSCA is not responsible for lost and/or broken items. Lost items will be placed in the Lost & Found area and will be disposed of at the end of every month. It is the responsibility of the family to check lost and found if something is missing.