

## 1. Electronic Devices

Newburyport High School believes that electronic devices are useful tools for 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning that can facilitate all students' learning and enhance teachers' instruction. In order to more fully implement the High School's mission and to achieve its academic, social, and civic expectations, the High School supports the responsible use of electronic devices. As a student's education is a partnership between home and school, we ask parents and guardians to help us administer this policy by not calling or texting your students during class time. Students must concentrate fully on their studies and not be distracted by electronic devices. Students may access a school phone in the Main Office where messages may also be left.

### 1.1 Students must display proper etiquette and use as follows:

- **Students' use of electronic devices is permitted in class with teacher instruction only.**
  - All electronic devices including, but not limited to, iPods and cell phones must be SHUT DOWN and OUT OF SIGHT during class, unless a teacher gives clear and express permission for their use due to an academic reason. Devices must be put away prior to the bell signaling the beginning of class.
  - If a teacher notes that a student's use of electronic devices is proving to be continuously disruptive, the teacher has the right to ask for the student's electronic device at the beginning of each class or will refer the student to the Main Office where the first offense of this policy will be put into effect.
- **Students may responsibly use electronic devices**
  - before and after school,
  - during passing time between classes, or
  - during lunch in the cafeteria.
- **Students' inappropriate use of electronic devices includes, but may not be limited to**
  - ignoring or disrespectfully responding to a question or directive of a teacher or administrator;
  - creating a loud, unpleasant, or disruptive climate for other students, staff members, teachers, and visitors;
  - taking or disseminating unauthorized photos or videos; or
  - using electronic devices in the bathrooms, locker rooms, or other areas with an expectation of privacy.

Note: Students are reminded of the possible legal consequences of violating personal privacy and related laws, including bullying and harassment.

### 1.2 Consequences for inappropriate use of electronic devices.

- **First Offense:** Device will be confiscated by the teacher or administrator and turned into the Main Office and claimed after school by the student. Parents will be informed via phone or email.
- **Second Offense:** Device will be confiscated by the teacher or administrator and turned in to the Main Office and claimed after school by the student. Student will be assigned two office detentions. Parents will be informed via phone or email.

- **Third Offense:** Device will be confiscated by the teacher or administrator and turned in to the Main Office, where it will be held until a parent/guardian meets with an administrator. Student will be assigned a Saturday School detention.
- **Subsequent offenses after third:** Device will be confiscated by the teacher or administrator and turned in to the Main Office, where it will be held until a parent/guardian meets with an administrator. Student may serve one day of out-of-school suspension (OSS) and will be assigned a Saturday School detention. For multiple offenses, the school reserves the right to severely limit or ban a student's use of electronic devices.
  - Note: Depending on circumstances of the violations, the administration may impose more severe consequences on a case-by-case basis or under the requirements of Massachusetts law.

**1.3 NHS is not responsible for lost or stolen devices.**

**1.4 As with all personal property brought onto school premises, electronic devices are subject to search and seizure with reasonable suspicion that the device has been used in any way that violates school rules or laws.**