



HANOVER-HORTON SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT DEVICE EXPECTATIONS 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR



OUR GOAL: Create learning environments where students are...
FOCUSED, ENGAGED, and CONNECTED to each other and their learning.

WHY THIS CHANGE?



Implemented in alignment
with Michigan wireless
communication devices
legislation beginning
2026-27.

STATE LAW REQUIREMENT

Michigan law requires
schools to restrict
smart devices during
instructional time.



BETTER LEARNING

- Increased focus
- Stronger academic engagement



HEALTHIER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

- Fewer distractions and conflicts
- More face-to-face interaction

WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE BY GRADE LEVEL

K-5 (ELEMENTARY)



NO PERSONAL DEVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

- Personal devices should remain at home
- If brought to school, devices are to be turned off and stored in backpacks and/or lockers at all times

WHY?

Supports focus,
routine, and social
development

6-8 (MIDDLE SCHOOL)



DEVICES STORED IN LOCKERS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

- Not carried during the school day
- Not allowed during lunch
- Middle School phone rules apply to MS students in classes at the High School.

WHY?

Builds responsibility while
reducing distraction and
peer pressure

9-12 (HIGH SCHOOL)



DEVICES STORED IN LOCKERS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

- Not carried during the school day
- Students may briefly check their phones at their lockers in between classes during passing time only
- Students may use their phones during lunch

WHY?

Balances independence
with focused learning
expectations



KEY EXPECTATIONS FOR GRADES 9-12 LOCKER-BASED USE ONLY



Phones may be
checked only while
standing at your
locker.



Students must be
within arm's reach
of their locker.



No walking
through hallways
while using
phones.



Tardy policies
apply if students
are late to class.

QUICK CHECK = OKAY | HALLWAY USE, DELAYS OR TARDIES = NOT OKAY

WHAT ABOUT EMERGENCIES?



- We understand this concern
- Our schools have clear emergency communication systems
- During emergencies, the school communicates directly with families
- First responders guide all actions
- Personal phones can create confusion or interfere with safety protocols

STAYING CONNECTED



- Parents and guardians can contact the school office anytime



- Important messages will be delivered promptly to students



- Students may contact home through the school office when needed



THE BIG PICTURE

This is about:

- Protecting learning time
- Reducing stress and social pressure
- Helping students be present and better prepared for their next grade level or life after high school

Less distraction = more engagement
More engagement = stronger academic outcomes and relationships



CELL PHONES ARE NEVER ALLOWED IN LOCKER ROOMS OR RESTROOMS.