

Campus Cell Phone Policy

San Marcos High School | 2024-2025

The San Marcos High School faculty and staff are committed to providing a *safe learning environment* with *high impact learning experiences*. Our teachers have crafted this cell phone policy to reflect our values to ensure students are engaged in the learning process. Our new policy emphasizes keeping electronics (cellphones, earbuds, etc.) put away during class time while still allowing students to use their electronic devices during passing periods and during lunch time. This policy will be posted in every classroom and class meetings will be held at the beginning of the school year to ensure all students are aware of this policy.

Classrooms

When students enter the classroom they will place their cell phones into a pocket organizer. They will store away their earbuds in their backpacks. Students without a cell phone may be asked to put a placeholder in the pocket organizer for attendance purposes.

Although teachers may designate the use of electronics for instructional purposes during class time, cell phones, including the use of earbuds will not be allowed during direct instruction (while the teacher is teaching).

When students leave the classroom to go to the restroom, or any other part of campus, they must leave their phones in the classroom (it will stay in the pocket organizer).

Hallways/Cafeteria

Electronics will be allowed prior to the start of the first class, during lunch, and after dismissal.

Electronics will be allowed during the passing period up to the one minute bell. At this point, faculty/staff will usher students to class and encourage them to put their electronics away. To maintain a safe environment, only *one* earbud will be allowed to be worn during passing periods.

Locker Rooms/Bathrooms

No electronics allowed. Large red signs that say "No Phone Zone" will be posted at each entrance. If class is not in session, electronics will need to stay put away and should not be used.

Consequences

First Offense - A verbal warning will be given by the teacher.

Second Offense - The teacher will pick up the phone. During their conference or passing

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period, the teacher will take the phone to the front office or give the phone to an administrator to be held until the end of the day. The student will be able to pick up their phone after dismissal.

Third Offense + - The teacher will pick up the phone. During their conference or passing period, the teacher will take the phone to the front office or give the phone to an administrator to be held until the end of the day. **A parent will have to pick it up *and* a \$15 fee will be collected. This will continue to happen for every offense then on.**

Should the student become non-compliant, an administrator will be called in to privately address the student and collect the phone.

