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Apollo High School encourages students to leave their Personal Electronic Devices at home whenever possible. Apollo High School also believes the use of Personal Electronic Devices is a privilege and can be an acceptable communication and educational tool. Adapted from the St. Cloud Area School District 742 Acceptable Use Guidelines, the following are criteria for responsible use of a Personal Electronic Device at Apollo High School.

- Cell phones are set on vibrate, silent, or turned off.
- Ring tones are not permitted.
- Volume level of PED is safe for the user and non-disruptive to others.
- Camera use in the building is prohibited without staff permission.
- PEDs are for personal use only.
- Students are encouraged to refrain from sharing their PED with others.
- Be polite.
- Use appropriate language.
- Do not intentionally disrupt others.
- Respect privacy of student and staff.

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Apollo High School believes the use of Personal Electronic Devices is a privilege and can be an acceptable communication and educational tool. At the request of students and staff, the following PED policy is provisionally adopted for the 2008-09 school year and will require responsible use by all students.

- Responsible PED use is permitted in the Commons and Iggy's (school store).
- Responsible PED use is permitted in hallways during passing times and before and after school hours.
- PED use is not permitted in instructional areas and must be turned off and stored out of sight. Exception: Responsible PED use is permitted in instructional areas for educational purposes only **AND with the explicit permission of the teacher or supervising adult.**
 - Instructional areas include but are not limited to:
 - Classrooms (includes planning rooms)
 - Computer labs
 - Performing Arts Center (Auditorium)
 - Gymnasium
 - Large group rooms
 - Any other areas used for instruction
- Cell phone use/texting is not permitted in restrooms and locker rooms and must be turned off and stored out of sight.
- Only listening devices are permitted in the Resource Center to aid in completing work/studies. Cell phone use/texting is not permitted as this is not an area for socialization.
- While attending/participating in extra curricular events, follow standard etiquette for spectators/participants (i.e. have cell phone on vibrate, silent, or off).

As per the Student Code of Conduct, violation of this policy may result in:

- verbal or written warning
- parent notification
- parent conference
- loss of privileges
- confiscation of PED
- detention
- suspension
- other consequences as deemed appropriate by Apollo Administration

**In an emergency situation (i.e. lockdown), all electronic use is prohibited.