

# L'Anse Creuse High School - North

## **Cell Phone/Electronic Use Information**



## **Purpose & Rationale**

The use of cell phones/electronic devices by students during the instructional day has been shown to create unnecessary distractions that hinder the learning process. Furthermore, research indicates that frequent cell phone/electronic device use may have adverse effects on students' social and emotional development and well-being. These expectations promote an environment that supports active engagement and full participation in the educational experience. To ensure students have access to the necessary technology for academic purposes, each student has been issued a Chromebook and charger by LCPS for school-related use.

### Expectations for Device Use (6:30 am - 2:30 pm)

- Students must have cell phones/electronics *turned off and stored* in either the classroom phone caddy, or locker during instructional time *including* when using a pass to and/or from class.
- Students *may use* their cell phones/electronics during passing times and lunch periods.
- Cell phone/electronics may not be used in bathrooms or any other location where use could violate another
  person's reasonable expectation of privacy and may not take photos or videos of others without their
  knowledge or permission. Students may not make/take phone calls, facetime, or create social media
  (TikTok/Snapchat) during school hours.
- The only exception for classroom use is when a cell phone is used for instructional purposes with teacher permission and/or administrative approval.

### **Consequences of Misuse**

**1st Violation** – Student will turn over their cell phone/electronic device without argument to the requesting teacher/staff member, who will then hold on to it until the end of the class period. This violation will be documented as a "minor" referral, and parent/guardian will be contacted by email/phone.

**2nd Violation** – Student will turn over their cell phone/electronic device without argument to the requesting teacher/staff member, who will then turn it into the main office where the student can pick it up at the end of the school day. The violation will be documented as an "incident" referral, and parent/guardian will be contacted by email/phone.

**3rd Violation** – Student will turn over their cell phone/electronic device without argument to the requesting teacher/staff member, who will then turn it into the main office where a parent will then be required to pick it up after school. The violation will be documented as an "incident" referral, and after-school detention will be assigned.

**4th Violation –** Student will turn over their cell phone/electronic device without argument to the requesting teacher/staff member, who will then turn it into the main office where a parent will be required to pick it up after school. The violation will be documented as an "incident" referral, and two after-school detentions will be assigned along with a 5-day loss of phone privilege.

**Additional Violations/Refusal to Comply –** Further disciplinary action may result, up to and including loss of cell phone privileges and suspension.

Our goal is to help students remain focused, present, and engaged—ensuring every learner has the opportunity to thrive in a positive, distraction-free environment.

