

ELECTRONICS POLICY

Educational research has shown again and again that **multitasking decreases student learning**. Since much of your work requires access to the Internet and digital resources, you need to **make mature decisions about Chromebook use in class**.

To avoid another distraction to your learning, **phones should be stowed away during class**.

Standards for responsible use at school, on buses or at school activities:

- Students shall not use any electronic device in a manner that disrupts or detracts from the education environment.
- All electronic devices, including cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, headphones, cameras, and other devices capable of transmitting data or images shall be turned off and kept out of sight during class time **unless use is approved by the classroom teacher**.
- Students may use cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, etc. appropriately and respectfully during passing time, the student's lunch period, before, and after school.

Chromebooks/Computer

The 2017-2018 is the third school year students are assigned a Chromebook computer purchased by the school district. Students are encouraged to use district purchased Chromebooks. If students use their own device, they will do so at their own risk. Students must follow district technology guidelines. If use of personal devices becomes distracting in the classroom, teachers will ask students to stow those devices (i.e. personal laptop, tablet, cell phone) and use their Chromebook.

- Students will use their Chromebooks as a learning tool, as outlined in the District Acceptable Use Policy, which can be found at hopkinsschools.org/noticeacceptableuse, and the Student User Agreement, not as a distracter from class activities.
- Students will not use their Chromebook to bully or intimidate others.
- Students will come to school with their Chromebook charged on a daily basis and ready to learn.
- If a student forgets their Chromebook on any given day, it will be their responsibility to obtain a loaner before first block from the Media Center.
- Students will follow classroom rules related to technology (i.e. 'Screens Up', 'Screens Down', 'Screens Away').
- Students will treat their Chromebook with respect and handle it with care, keeping it in its protective shell.
- Students will understand that their Chromebook and their Hopkins Apps account is monitored and subject to inspection at any time without notice should there be cause for reasonable suspicion.
- Hopkins High School Chromebooks are localized and are completely useless for anyone that does not have a Hopkins Apps account.
- In the case of a lost or missing Chromebook, students must come immediately to the Media Center to file a report and receive a loaner.

[RESEARCH ON MULTITASKING 1](#)

“(E)vidence from psychology, cognitive science, and neuroscience suggests that when students multitask while doing schoolwork, their **learning is far spottier and shallower than if the work had their full attention**. They **understand and remember less**, and they have **greater difficulty transferring their learning** to new contexts. So detrimental is this practice that some researchers are proposing that **a new prerequisite for academic** and even professional **success** (...) is the **ability to resist a blinking inbox or a buzzing phone**.”

[RESEARCH ON MULTITASKING 2](#)

“Device-checking is a compulsive behavior that must be managed, he says, if young people are to learn and perform at their best.”
“This ability to resist the lure of technology can be consciously cultivated. (The author) advises students to **take “tech breaks”** to satisfy their cravings for electronic communication: After they’ve labored on their schoolwork uninterrupted for 15 minutes, they can allow themselves two minutes to text (and) check websites. Then the devices get turned off for another 15 minutes of academics.

