

# SOUTH STREET SCHOOL

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Dear South Street School Families,

To help create the best possible learning environment, and in alignment with the Governor's recently enacted state education law on personal electronic devices in schools, we are putting a few guidelines in place for personal technology (such as cell phones, smartwatches, ear buds and tablets) in our schools.

## Bringing Devices to School

- If a device (cell phone, smartwatch, ear buds, etc) is brought to school, it must be turned off and stored in a backpack, cubby, or locker (if available) during the school day from the time students enter the building until they dismiss
- The District is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft of personal devices brought to school

## If a Device is Used During the Day

- **First Time:** The device will be kept in the main office until dismissal, and a parent/guardian will be notified
- **Next Times:** A parent/guardian will need to pick up the device from the office

## Communication With Parents/Guardians & District Issued Devices

- To ensure a seamless communication between home and school during the school day, parents and guardians are encouraged to reach out to their child's teacher to relay any messages throughout the day. As always, visits to the nurse (of concern) will always be followed up with a phone call.

In some situations, certain uses of devices may also be addressed under our Student Code of Conduct, the new state law, or the law in general, and we will work with families to address any concerns.

Our goal, as outlined in the Governor's initiative, is to keep classrooms focused, reduce distractions, and ensure students are safe and ready to learn. Thank you for helping us make this a smooth and positive experience for all students.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Jackson", is written over a horizontal line.

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