

Port Malabar Elementary School Wireless Communication Device Policy, per BPS School Board Policy 5136

- Use of cellphones/wireless communication devices or WCD (THIS INCLUDES SMARTWATCHES) is prohibited while students are on campus and must be powered off and stored in their backpacks. If the student does not have a backpack, they will store it in teacher designated area.
- Students may use cellphones/WCDs while riding to and from school on a bus, at the discretion of the bus driver and/or instructional staff assigned to ride that bus. Distracting, or disruptive behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.
- Possession of cellphones/WCDs by a student at school during school hours and/or during extra-curricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy or abuses the privilege.

Should a student be observed using a cellphone/WCD on campus during school hours (7:30am-3:00pm), or a cell phone/WCD rings during the school day while stored in backpack or teacher designated storage, the discipline action may include but is not limited to an office discipline referral, confiscation of phone, and possible administrative detention or in-school-suspension.

Students that consistently violate the cell phone policy, or exhibit willful disobedience with regards to the policy, will be required to forfeit their phone to administration upon arrival to school, in which administration will hold the phone until the end of the day/dismissal time. Administration will reserve the right to continue this arrangement for the remainder of the school year, or until further notice.