



NHCS Cell Phone Agreement 2023 - 2024

Elementary School: Students are allowed to bring a cell phone to North Hills. From the time a student arrives on campus to the time the student departs (this includes Extended Care), the cell phone is to remain in the student's backpack. While it is allowed for the cell phone to remain powered on, the ringer, vibrate setting, and all notifications must be turned off. If a student is in Extended Care, he or she cannot use their cell phone; it must remain in the student's backpack.

Middle School: Cell phones can only be used before and after school at the red lunch tables. Cell phones and earbuds (no headphones) may be used for private use only; no picture or video recording is allowed. Cell phones must be stored in backpacks during class periods, breaks, and lunch. While it is allowed for a cell phone to remain powered on, the ringer, vibrate setting, and all notifications must be turned off. During class periods, cell phones must be placed face-down on the table where the student is sitting. If a student is in Extended Care, he or she cannot use their cell phone; it must remain in the student's backpack.

High School: Cell phones must be stored in backpacks during class periods and breaks. Cell phones and earbuds (no headphones allowed) may be used outdoors for private use only; no picture or video recording is allowed. When inside a building, cell phones must not be seen/worn in classrooms or hallways. While it is allowed for a cell phone to remain powered on, the ringer, vibrate setting, and all notifications must be turned off. During class periods, cell phones must be placed face-down on the table where the student is sitting.

Policy for all K-12 students:

- 1) During testing, all electronic devices (cell phones, smart watches, etc.) are prohibited.
- 2) If a smart watch or any other similar electronic device is used as a phone, camera, or recording device, it will be confiscated in the same manner as a cell phone.
 - a. All devices must be surrendered upon request by staff. Failure to do so will result in the student being subject to suspension.
- 3) All devices brought on campus by students are subject to search and can be confiscated. In the course of an investigation, students may be required to show the contents of their phone to an administrator.
 - a. If a device is locked, students must unlock their device to allow administration to review texts, images, videos, etc. to determine whether or not they or other students are in compliance with the NHCS Student/Parent Handbook.
- 4) Administration reserves the right to alter cell phone and/or smart watch privileges during the school year to effectively support the education process.
- 5) Cell phones, smart watches, and other similar electronic devices brought to school are the sole responsibility of students. North Hills takes no responsibility for the loss or damage of personal devices.

Consequences for violating the above policy:

First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense	Fourth Offense
Cell phone is taken to school office. Parent is notified by email. Student may pick up device at end of day.	Cell phone is taken to school office. Parent is notified by email. Parent picks up device at end of day. Student may not have cell phone on campus for 5 school days.	Cell phone is taken to school office. Parent is notified by email. Parent picks up device at end of day. Student may not have cell phone on campus for 10 school days.	Cell phone is taken to school office. Parent is notified by email. Parent picks up device at end of day. Student may not have cell phone on campus for rest of semester.*

**Students and parents/guardians must meet with the K-12 Principal to determine cell privileges for the remainder of the school year.*

**Egregious violation may lead to revocation of cell phone and smart watch privileges for the remainder of the school year.*