



Junior High Cell Phone/Device Policy

It is the mission of BVCS to nurture and equip students to impact the world for Christ. The primary goal of incorporating technology into the school environment is to support the educational and instructional needs of Big Valley Christian School students and employees. In order to support this mission, the staff at BVCS Junior High are committed to a **no visible phone/device** policy. The staff believes this will encourage healthy relationships between students and build conversational skills. Recognizing that we have a variety of family rules and standards represented on our campus, this policy also reduces the chances of a student being exposed to objectionable material, or material that does not meet the standards of a particular family.

Specifics:

Students in the 7th and 8th grade are not allowed any cell phone, smartwatches, headphones, airpods, etc. that text/call or other tech device usage during the instructional school day including time spent in chapel, assemblies, and after school supervision in the Lions' Lair or Extended Care. The only exception to this is if a student is on campus after school waiting outside for a ride or is attending a game or other BVCS event. Students who have their own ChromeBooks will only be able to use them in a classroom under teacher direction.

Parents needing to communicate with students during the school day need to call the school office and leave a message. Students needing to communicate with parents during the school day need to come down to the office and use the office phone to call the parent.

The best place for a student to keep his/her cell phone or device is in a backpack, powered off. If a cell phone or other electronic device is seen or heard (including out in a locker or in a pocket), it will be confiscated and placed in the office. Again, personal ChromeBook usage is permissible in a classroom setting under the teacher's direction. If a junior high student has someone else's phone, perhaps the phone of a high school student (a sibling maybe), that phone/device also will be confiscated if seen or heard.

The following steps will be taken when a cell phone or electronic device is confiscated:

1. Taken and picked up by student from the office.
2. Taken and picked up by a parent in the office.
3. Taken and picked up by the parent; detention given.
4. Phone contract will be given to the student.

Repeated offenses will result in a probation contract being issued.