



# Arundel High School

*Home of the Wildcats!*

## Electronics Policy 2018– 2019

Students will be permitted to use electronic devices *before school, during class change, during lunch, and teacher-identified instructional time* provided the guidelines below are maintained:

- ✓ Students should utilize the THINK acronym as it relates to all electronic posting, messaging, and other communications. (Is it True? Is it Hurtful? Is it Illegal? Is it Necessary? Is it Kind?)
- ✓ Electronic devices must not be used to engage in an activity that could cause harm to others or engage in behavior that is not in accordance with the AACPS Student Code of Conduct (such as inappropriate use of personal electronics, misuse of social media, bullying, threats and/or other violations). *Some of these violations can result in criminal charges.*
- ✓ Use of the electronic devices does not invade privacy of others (locker rooms, restrooms, etc.). Pictures of people may NOT be taken without permission.
- ✓ **In accordance with county policies, the school is NOT responsible for any personal electronics. Students are responsible for the safekeeping of their electronics and they should not be left unattended or un-secured at any point. There is NO guarantee that a school based investigation into missing property will result in the recovery of the item(s).**
- ✓ *In order to safeguard electronics, phone and electronics may NOT be charged during school hours at any time.*
- ✓ Cell phones are **always** set to silent. The use of electronic devices for listening to music, texting, etc. should not cause a disruption to others (i.e. silent). **Talking on cell phones is not permitted at any point in the school day, as this would be disruptive to the learning environment.** [All students needing to make an emergency phone call in an emergency will be allowed to do so in the office.]
- ✓ Students maintain the “off and away” policy during all classroom periods and CATS class with the exception of instructional purposes as indicated by the classroom teacher.
- ✓ Students **may** be permitted to appropriately use electronics during class time at the teacher’s discretion. Students are never permitted to have electronics out/on during testing situations and administration will be notified immediately in these situations. Phones will be confiscated immediately in testing situations.
  - If a student is disruptive or insubordinate in relation to their electronic device, the teacher will notify the administrator.
- ✓ Students use only **one** earbud when transitioning between classes and in common areas such as the hallway, cafeteria, courtyards to ensure student safety and that students can hear directions, requests, and/or surrounding noises. Remember, “one or none!” as it relates to earbuds at any time.