



West Lincoln Middle School Cell Phone/Smart Watch Policy

In order to improve security, safety, and academic focus for our students, the cell phone policy for Lincoln County Schools has been revised. West Lincoln Middle School will follow the stipulations of this policy and assigned consequences. Please review the policy with your child.

Lincoln County Schools' Board Policy 4300-R: Student Safety states:

Lincoln County Schools understands that parents today may desire for their child(ren) to have cell phones, smart watches, and other personal electronic devices for safety reasons during and after school.

Secondary Schools:

The middle and high schools in Lincoln County Schools have the autonomy to decide how electronic devices are to be regulated, based upon guidelines suggested by the school improvement team.

At a minimum, the following regulations shall apply to electronic devices in the secondary schools:

- 1) Students may not use electronic devices in classrooms or during instructional time.
- 2) During instructional time, students must turn off all electronic devices and store them out of sight, unless the classroom teacher requires the use of the electronic devices for an instructional exercise. This also applies to ear buds or other listening devices used in conjunction with personal electronic devices.
- 3) The school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices.

Specifically, West Lincoln Middle School holds the following expectations regarding cell phone use during school hours:

<i>Expectation One</i>	West Lincoln Middle School will follow a Door to Door cell-phone policy. This means that all devices, including cell phones and smart watches, should be turned off and put away in the student's bookbag from the time the student enters the school building until the time the student exits the school building.
<i>Expectation Two</i>	Students will not use cell phones in the cafeteria before school or at lunch.
<i>Expectation Three</i>	Cell phones will not be permitted in the bathrooms during the instructional day.
<i>Expectation Four</i>	Students will not use cell phones in the hallways during transition periods nor will they use them during dismissal while waiting for parent/guardian pick up.
<i>Expectation Five</i>	In the event that a student needs to contact a parent/guardian, the student should use the classroom phone (with teacher permission) or the phone in the front office. Parents who need to contact students should call the office and a message will be delivered to the student.

If a student chooses not to meet these expectations, the following consequences will be put in place. These are in line with the consequences established in board policy

<i>Consequence One/ 1st Offense</i>	The student shall receive a warning about electronic device misuse and the teacher shall notify the office. School staff shall document the incident in the discipline management system.
<i>Consequence Two/ 2nd offense</i>	The electronic device is confiscated and the parent notified by administrator. The student may pick up the electronic device from the office at the end of the day once parent is informed.
<i>Consequence Three/ 3rd Offense</i>	The electronic device is confiscated, and the parent notified by administrator. The parent may pick up device from the office and student shall receive up to 1 day of in-school suspension. The student will no longer be allowed to bring an electronic device to school.
<i>Consequence Four/ 4th Offense</i>	The electronic device is confiscated, and the parent notified by administrator. The parent may pick up device from the office and student shall receive up to 3 days of in-school suspension.
<i>Consequence Five/ 5th Offense</i>	Electronic device is confiscated, and the parent notified by administrator. The parent may pick up device from the office and student shall receive up to 1 day of out of school suspension.
<i>Consequence Six/ 6th Offense</i>	Electronic device is confiscated, and the parent notified by administrator. The parent may pick up device from the office and student shall receive up to 3 days of out of school suspension.

Subsequence infractions will be handled using the progressive model of discipline.



West Lincoln Middle School Vape/Juul/E-Cigarette and Paraphernalia Policy

Vapes, juuls, and e-cigarettes are illegal for students to possess or use, are harmful to their health, and are a distraction to the learning environment. In order to assist students in understanding the seriousness of these devices, our district policy regarding consequences for possession and use of vapes, juuls, e-cigarettes, and related paraphernalia have been revised and the following consequences will be put in place. There will be a zero-tolerance policy in effect regarding these devices.

<i>Consequence One/ 1st Offense</i>	The student will receive one-three (1-3) days OSS.
<i>Consequence Two/ 2nd offense</i>	The student will receive three-five (3-5) days OSS.
<i>Consequence Three/ 3rd Offense</i>	The student will receive six-ten (6-10) days OSS.

Please talk to your child about the dangers of vaping and use of e-cigarettes, vapes, and juuls. It is important that students understand the health risks that accompany their use. We appreciate your partnership as we work to focus our students on making healthy choices and growing academically.