

BHS MOBILE PHONE/IPOD POLICY

“OFF AND OUT OF SIGHT”

While it may be necessary for students to have a mobile phone, inappropriate use of mobiles and ipods at **Bellingham High School** is not accepted.

- If used with discretion during break times, teachers will tolerate and accept usage;
 - If used as part of a documented teaching program requiring the use of mobile phones / ipods, usage will be accepted if undertaken under teacher direction / supervision and for educational outcomes;
 - If used in class, without permission, electronic devices will be confiscated and the Levels system will be used to monitor and issue consequences.
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1. Students are discouraged from bringing mobile phones/IPODS to school and do so at their own risk. The school cannot be held liable for their loss and will not investigate circumstances associated with their disappearance.
 2. Parents needing to get messages to their children can do so through the front office. Occasionally there may be special circumstances where protocols may be varied and these need to be negotiated with the Deputy Principal.
 3. Mobile Phones and IPODS are banned from any exam situation.
 4. Mobile phones/IPODS should be turned off and are not to be used at any time during lessons. Students who use mobile phones/IPODS in lessons will have them confiscated immediately.

5. Filming or photographing of students and staff is strictly prohibited.
6. On the first occasion, items confiscated by the class teacher and delivered to the Deputy Principal who will return the item to the student at the end of the day. The student will be placed on Level 1.
7. On the second occasion, the item will be held until a parent is able to collect it from the Deputy Principal. The student will be placed on Level 2.
8. If there is a third occasion, the student will be placed on Level 3
9. Students who argue with a teacher or refuse to follow their instruction will be dealt with in line with the school's discipline policy.
10. The use of text messages to harass other students is known as cyber bullying and may lead to suspension as part of **Bellingham High School's** Anti-Bullying Policy

“ABUSE IT, LOSE IT”

