

CELL PHONE AND WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY POLICY

In order to remain in compliance with NY State's "Bell-to-Bell" restriction on cell phones and wearable technology, students are prohibited from using cell phones, smart watches or any non-school issued technology during instructional time. If necessary, students may use a school phone located in the main office to contact their parents or guardians. SBCS is not responsible for any personal electronic devices.

In grades 5-8, students will be required to lock phones in their lockers or homeroom secured "lock box." If cell phones or personal electronic devices are brought to school by students in kindergarten through grade 4, they are expected to be kept on silent mode or off in their bookbag, which will be kept in their classroom cubby. If a student is caught with a non-school issued personal electronic device on their person, it will be confiscated and returned to the student at dismissal. If the student is caught any additional times, the device will be confiscated, and a parent or guardian must come into the school to retrieve the item. A write up and consequence may occur if the student refuses to turn over their personal electronic device when asked, and/or if students repeatedly do not follow the policy.

Bluetooth headphones should not be brought to school. SBCS provides a set of headphones for each student. If Bluetooth headphones are brought to school and are lost, broken or stolen, it is not the responsibility of South Buffalo Charter School.