

Local School Discipline Code and Electronics Policy

In addition to the previously stated Student Conduct Behavior Code of Gwinnett County Board of Education, the following rules of Mountain View High School will be followed by all students.

A. Electronics/Computers, Hats, and Skateboards:

Hats, visors, do-rags, scarves, cellular phones, laser pointers, chains (including but not limited to wallet chains), sunglasses and other similar items are not to be brought to school by students. Radios, iPods, video games, cell phones, tape players, walkmans, CD players and earphones are not to be used during the school day. Picks, combs, brushes, and similar items will not be worn and/or displayed in a student's hair.

Students and Parents---We ask that you take the time to review the guidelines listed below regarding the use of electronic items during school.

In accordance with GCPS policy, local school principals can set guidelines for the use of cell phones and/or electronic items on school grounds. **Mountain View High School's first priority is to have an interruption-free and distraction-free learning environment for all students, teachers and staff.** Many of us have been interrupted in conversations, meetings, concerts, and other venues with cell phones/electronic items, and the frustration of these disruptions will not be allowed to occur in our high school.

1. **Cell phones must be turned off and kept out of sight during the school day. This applies to instructional and non-instructional times such as lunch; class change, etc.** *(Please note that simply turning a phone to silent does not comply with this guideline).* Your child will need to secure their cell phone, during the day, in their locker, car, purse or backpack. **Cell phones may not be displayed on a student's person and/or backpack, purse, etc. during the school day.** Mountain View High has phones available in school offices during the school day for students to use for appropriate phone conversations.
2. **Cell phones are not to be used on the bus ride to or from school.**
3. **Radios, tape/CD/DVD players, iPods/MP3s, PSPs, Palms, walkmans, earphones, laptops, etc. are not to be used during instructional or non-instructional times such as lunch, class change, etc.** Your child will need to secure these items during the day in their locker, car, purse or backpack. These items may not be displayed on a student's person and/or backpack, purse, etc. during the school day.

Parents, we ask that you carefully consider whether your child needs to have any of these items at school. Should your child bring any of these items to school, please be aware that there is some risk that they may be stolen from or lost/misplaced by your child. The school cannot be responsible for replacing a lost or stolen item.

Failure to follow school procedures regarding electronic devices will result in appropriate disciplinary action by the school administration, which can include, but is not limited to the confiscation of the item(s) that will have to be picked up by a parent/guardian from the school. Repeated infractions may lead to further disciplinary consequences.

Please assist the school's administration by following the guidelines and carefully consider your child's need for these items at school.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Items to be confiscated and kept in the main office (under the name of the student who it was retrieved from) and will be returned **to a parent** at an appropriate time. Repeated infractions may lead to disciplinary consequences.