

Plattsburgh Senior High School Personal Device Policy

Plattsburgh Senior High School supports 21st Century skills as a part of our educational environment. We recognize not only the value of integrating technology with academics, but also the importance of supporting healthy practices when using technology. In this endeavor each student is provided with technology needed to be successful in the classroom and with an explicit policy to assist in the development of skills needed for self-discipline and responsibility. We acknowledge that the majority of students have personal devices, and this policy is to better manage how these devices are used so that they do not impact the educational intent of the school day.

This policy was created because the Plattsburgh City School District believes in the value of student engagement during the academic day. Administrators, faculty, and students recognize the positive impact of personal interaction and dedicated work time during the school day as it pertains to the well-being of our student body.

The Personal Device Policy:

- Allows for use in common areas, such as the cafeteria, Study Hall, Senior Courtyard and Open Gym with the stipulation that if a student is listening to music, only one ear bud may be used
- Allows for potential use in the auditorium and during special events such as pep rallies, with specified limitations to be announced
- In classrooms with teacher permission and specification only
- In the Library with the librarian's permission and specification only

All personal devices are prohibited in areas where privacy is expected, such as bathrooms and locker rooms.

All personal device use is prohibited during all school safety procedures such as fire drills, lock outs and lock downs per the Plattsburgh City School District Safety plan.

There will be no tolerance for:

- Cell phone usage in Hallway
- Any photos or recordings of students without their permission
- Any device recording in areas of expected privacy such as bathrooms and locker rooms, as stated above
- Any usage that violates DASA
- Any usage that violates the Acceptable Use Guidelines outlined in the Plattsburgh City School District Student and Family Technology Handbook