



# Carlisle High School

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Carlisle Students and Parents,

With the state's new legislation and budget bill signed by Governor DeWine on July 1, 2025, all Ohio public school districts are now required to adopt a clear policy prohibiting student cellphone use during the school day.

**Beginning August 21, 2025, students will not be allowed to display or use their cellphones during school hours, 7:15 am - 2:00 pm.** This includes during hall exchange between class periods and during lunch. Students may use their cellphones in unique learning situations when approved by the classroom teacher and the building principal.

We understand that cellphones are a significant part of daily life for many students, but we also recognize the growing concern, backed by research, about how these devices can impact learning, focus, and social interaction. Our goal is to create an environment that supports academic success, mental well-being, and meaningful in-person connections.

We are committed to partnering with families and students to ensure a smooth transition to this new approach. One of the issues we know we will face is potential parent concern over student safety, especially in emergency situations. Carlisle Local Schools takes these concerns seriously and remains committed to proactive and clear communication. While we understand that instant communication has become a part of everyday life, it's important to follow established safety protocols that guide how and when communication with families occurs during emergencies. To help ease concerns, each classroom is equipped with a phone that can reach outside lines, ensuring communication is possible if necessary. Most importantly, please know that we will always put student safety first in every decision we make.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we work to provide the best learning environment for our students.

If you have questions, please reach out to Andrew Huber ([Andrew.huber@carlisleindians.org](mailto:Andrew.huber@carlisleindians.org)), Dan Turner ([dan.turner@carlisleindians.org](mailto:dan.turner@carlisleindians.org)) or Bob Fischer ([bob.fischer@carlisleindians.org](mailto:bob.fischer@carlisleindians.org))