

BISHOP CARROLL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

BCCHS allows for the possession of telecommunications devices by students on campus (see B.Y.O.D. policy) during the regular school day. However, BCCHS does not allow the telecommunications device to be kept on the student's person. This means that the device must be kept in a purse, book bag, etc.; it cannot be kept in the pocket of pants, coats, etc. During the school day (defined as being from the start of school at 7:55 until school is dismissed for the day at 3:15), these devices must be turned off and may not be used by students. Not only are these devices a potential distraction to the classroom learning environment and potentially disruptive to the school climate, but the technology available makes it possible for students to photograph and send copies of tests to other students, text message answers to test questions to other students, and otherwise compromise the integrity of our teachers' assessments and grading of student learning. At Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, the interpretation of the policy has been expanded to include Apple Watches, iPods, iPads, MP3 players, personal laptop computers, etc. because so many of these devices share features with a cell phone. The only reasons for school personnel to ask a student to surrender a cellphone, etc. would be:

- A) If the cell phone rang or vibrated (which would mean the device was turned on—in violation of the policy).
- B) If school personnel saw the cell phone, etc. (which would mean the device was visible on the student's person—in violation of the policy).

Refusal by a student to surrender the device is not an option. Cell phones, etc. confiscated as a result of a first violation will result in a demerit and may be returned to a parent, after school on the day the phone is confiscated. Devices confiscated as a result of a second violation will result in a morning detention and can be picked up by a parent after the student has served his or her detention. A third or more violation will result in an in-school suspension and a parent can pick up the phone after the student has served his/her suspension.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (B.Y.O.D.)

Some BCCHS teachers allow, encourage or require students to use electronic devices (smart phones, laptops, tablets, iPad, Kindle, Nook, etc.) in their classrooms under the BCCHS B.Y.O.D. policy. Teachers will inform students and parents what device is needed for the class. A parent and student signed BCCHS B.Y.O.D. form must be filled out on InfoSnap. Students should be mindful that the BCCHS Cell Phone/Electronic Device policy is always in force outside of B.Y.O.D. classrooms.