

ST. JUDE EXTENDED DAY POLICIES REGARDING
ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND CELL PHONES
(Grades 4-8 only)

From the St. Jude School Handbook:

"We respect the wish of parents and guardians to allow children to have these items at school. All electronic devices, including cell phones, should not be used and should not be visible during the school day. With teacher permission, students may contact a parent at the conclusion of an after-school activity. Failure to comply will result in confiscation of the electronic device; retrieval by a parent will be required.

Media Device Policy

Cell phones, iPods, and all other media devices must be turned off and remain in the student lockers between 7:30 and 2:45.

Any student who chooses to violate the policy will have the item confiscated. A parent must come to retrieve the item from Mrs. Hibler. There will be NO exceptions. "

At Extended Day, students in grades 4-8 only are allowed to use their personal electronic devices for their own entertainment, as long as they follow certain guidelines which are as follows:

*****New this year: Cell phone use is only allowed on Friday's**

1. These devices are to be used for game play or listening to music only. This is to ensure simplicity of supervision for our staff and gives the group as a whole the same guidelines for these items' use. We do ask that your child refer to a list of approved games for their choice of entertainment. We have a list of games or apps that are not permitted for use at Extended Day. This is not meant to be a criticism of parental approval for certain programs, but merely a way to acknowledge that different families have different rules and levels of concern with regards to electronic media. We would rather err on the side of caution in order to be respectful of the wide range of parental views for the use of these devices.
2. **NO TEXTING**, picture-taking or communication programs of any kind may be used. This is for your child's safety, as well as the supervisors' need to oversee many students' while they engage in these activities while your child is in our care.
3. If your child wishes to play a game not on the approved list, we encourage them to make their wish known so that the Program Director can review the request and approve it if appropriate. This list is updated several times over the course of the school year.

The game's appropriateness is determined by reviews on the ERSB (Entertainment Software Rating Board) or on the Common Sense Media rating websites. A determination is made on a case by case basis. Again, this is not meant to tell parents what should be approved for your child's game activities when at home in your care, but to provide clear guidelines for their use at school that supervisors can enforce fairly for all students.

4. **We also ask that students not make phone calls or receive phone calls on their devices while at Extended Day.** With this in mind, if you would like to contact your child while they are at Extended Day, we ask that you call the Extended Day cell phone (440-213-2695) and we will gladly connect you with them. If an emergency arises and the Extended Day cell phone is not available, we will allow students to communicate with parents & caregivers with their own cell phone, provided they have asked permission from their supervisor first.

5. Finally, we ask that **parents & students review these guidelines together and sign the Electronic Device Guidelines Form** provided below. Please turn in the signed form to Extended Day so that your child will have permission to use their device while at the program.

EXTENDED DAY ELECTRONIC DEVICE GUIDELINES
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Parents:

My signature below acknowledges that I have read and understood the guidelines for my child(ren)'s use of their electronic device while they are at Extended Day. I also understand that a list of approved and unapproved games and apps is available for my review should I request it. Should my child(ren) have their device confiscated for inappropriate use according to the guidelines, I understand that I may need to retrieve the device from the principal or the school office. I also understand that if offices are closed when I pick up my child, this may mean the device may not be retrieved until the next school day.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Students:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read & understood the electronic device guidelines for use at Extended Day. I also understand there are consequences for misuse and I am responsible for my device and its use.

Student Signature

Date