

# Fannin County Middle School

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## **BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)/TELEPHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE USAGE**

Students should ask to use the office telephone only when sick or in emergency situations as deemed necessary by office personnel. Students should not come to the office without an agenda signed by their teacher. Students should never use the telephone in the classroom without the teacher's express permission. We ask that parents refrain from calling with messages for their children except in cases of extreme emergency. In our efforts to provide your child with the best and least interrupted education possible and to protect your child to the fullest of our capabilities, we will not call them to the phone unless it is a real emergency situation, and the caller is a parent or guardian. We will be glad to take a message for your child.

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, positive educational benefits become available for our students. To encourage student growth, Fannin County Middle School permits students to *Bring Your Own Device* (BYOD). To that end, students are free to bring electronic devices to school as long as they are only used in classes with the teacher's permission. Only the Internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal Internet connective devices are not permitted to be used to access outside Internet sources any time. Please remember that the loss and/or theft of such items will not be investigated, nor will the school be held responsible for any devices that are lost, stolen, or damaged. Use of such devices without teacher permission shall result in the confiscation of the device in accordance with our Telephone/Electronic Device Usage policy outlined below.

Fannin County Middle School students are allowed cell phones and other electronic devices under strict provisions. For purposes of this policy, the instructional day is defined as the time students arrive on school property until the time school is officially dismissed. Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be in the **OFF** position at all times during the instructional day. Cell phones and other electronic devices must also be kept out of sight. During the instructional day, cell phones and other electronic devices may be used, with administrative permission. The use of cell phones while on school buses is strictly prohibited unless an **emergency** situation arises and students have permission from the bus driver. Any use of electronic devices during the instructional day, including lunch breaks, and change of classes, without permission of the administrative staff shall be considered a disciplinary violation and will be subject to disciplinary action which may include: temporary confiscation of the device, work detention, in-school suspension, out of school suspension, conferences with parents, or placement in Alternative School.

Radios, MP3 players, I-pods, laser pointers, dice, cameras, cards, and similar objects are not permitted at school. These items will be considered a nuisance. The loss/theft of these items will not be investigated.