

November 16, 2018

Dear Indianola Academy Patrons:

This letter is to inform you of a change in the current cell phone/Apple watch/iPad and other portable internet device policies as spelled out in the student handbook. The Indianola Academy administration and board of directors have been very concerned with the misuse of these devices on campus. We have been very concerned with liability issues both to students, parents, and Indianola Academy. A special assembly was held at the beginning of the school year with students in grades 6-12 regarding student use of these devices. Students were informed at that time that if they continued to be irresponsible with these devices, these devices would be banned from the buildings from 8 A.M. until 3 P.M. As the school year has progressed the administration and board of directors have found it necessary to amend these policies to protect the students, parents, and Indianola Academy. Our goal is to promote learning and protect the students in our care.

The administration and board of directors made the following changes to the 2018-2019 cell phone/Apple watches/iPad and portable internet device policies for grades k3-12. This change will go into effect starting November 27, 2018.

1. No cell phones, Apple watches, iPads, and portable internet devices not owned or issued by Indianola Academy will be allowed in the buildings during school hours. All these devices must be left in the students' vehicles. (Students may not go to their vehicles during the school day to check for messages, etc.)
2. Students who do not have vehicles and are going to an away game or special event, may leave their phones in the High School or Junior High office immediately upon arrival at school. These phones must be labeled with the student's name on them and can be picked up after school or upon dismissal from school.
3. Not only during school hours, but at all times in all locker rooms, cell phones, iPhones, Apple watches, iPads, and other portable internet devices must remain in students' backpacks or travel bags. None of these devices can be used in any locker room at any time.

Penalties:

1. 1st Offense- Conduct Referral and \$100 fine.
2. 2nd Offense- Conduct Referral and \$200 fine (1 day in-school suspension)
3. 3rd Offense- Conduct Referral \$300 fine (2 day in-school suspension)
4. 4th Offense- Possible Expulsion at Administration's Discretion

If at any you need to reach your child/children during school hours, please call one of the offices at (662) 887-2025. For Sharon Ervin dial extension 115, for Kathryn Jenkins dial extension 224, and for Channan Rainey dial extension 327.

Sincerely,

Sammy Henderson