

Cell Phone Policy School Year 2024 - 2025

Contra Costa School of Performing Arts recognizes the importance of communication and collaboration and provides devices for students to be productive in the classroom. To keep the focus on academics and to reduce unnecessary distractions, CoCoSPA enforces the following:

- Smartwatches, cell phones, and all other mobile devices shall be TURNED OFF when entering the school campus
- Smartwatches, cell phones, and all other mobile devices shall be kept in a student's backpack or cell phone locker – not in clothing pockets.
- Smartwatches, cell phones, and all other mobile devices are **not allowed** to be used in classrooms, common areas, or restrooms.
- Texting and videotaping are **not permitted anytime** during the school day.
- Smartwatches, cell phones, and all mobile devices are **not allowed during transition times or between classes.**
- Smartwatches, cell phones, and all other mobile devices can be turned back on at the end of school (2:30 pm for MS and 3:30 pm for HS) and used to communicate directly with family/friends assisting in transportation.
- If a student needs to make an emergency call during the day, they are to come up to the office, and office staff will assist them.
- If a family member needs to get a non-urgent message to a student, they should use their school email address. For urgent matters, family members should call the school directly and office staff will assist them.

Consequences

From August 8 - August 29th:

- 1. First infraction: Warning, email home, phone confiscated until the end of the day, student can pick it up.
- 2. Second infraction: Phone confiscated until an adult can pick it up, phone call home.
- 3. Third infraction: One week lunch detention, phone confiscated until an adult can pick it up, parent meeting, a behavioral plan put in place.
- 4. Fourth infraction: In-school suspension, phone confiscated until a parent can pick it up. *After August 29th:*
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