



AWAY FOR THE DAY POLICY

Our mission is to provide a safe and nurturing experience built upon innovative, engaging instruction that meets the needs of our diverse learners. For the 2023-2024 school year, Folks Middle School will implement the Away for the Day initiative, in which student cell phone and/or electronic usage will NOT be permitted during the school day. Students will be able to use their electronics until 8:30 am each morning, then they will put them away for the remainder of the school day. We want to keep students free of distractions in the hallways and classrooms, focused on instruction, and fostering positive social interactions among one another. Here are some important details to keep in mind:

- Telephones are available in every classroom and in all campus offices in the event that a student needs to contact a parent.
- One of our most valuable instructional resources is the provision of a Chromebook for every student. In an effort to preserve this resource, we ask that Chromebooks **ONLY** be used for instructional purposes and be kept in backpacks when not in use.
- Students must use the Northside network and the Internet in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with the Northside ISD Acceptable Use Policy.
- District provided devices should not be utilized for playing games or messaging other students.

Student Consequences:

- 1st Offense - Warning, "Put the cell phone/ technology away".
- 2nd Offense - Teacher picks up phone until the end of class period & parent will be notified.
- 3rd Offense - Office Referral - Phone picked up by administration and held until end of day, parent notified and lunch detention will be assigned.
- 4th Offense - Office Referral - Parent pick up and conference with administration.