

This letter is to inform both parents and students of the high school's electronic device and dress code policies. In an effort to decrease the disruptions to the academic learning and the potential for electronic device misuse, Northern Lehigh High School has implemented these policies that are in effect during the school hours of 7:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND CELL PHONE USAGE

Technology plays a large role in our students' lives. Personal devices can enhance and enrich learning opportunities both at home and at school. The Northern Lehigh School District (NLSLD) is committed to allowing **responsible, learning-centered use of personal devices** at school in an effort to provide as many pathways to understanding as possible for our students.

General Info

Access to the NLSLD-AD Wi-Fi, with private devices is filtered in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Students will be permitted to use e-reader devices during permitted times at staff discretion. To gain access to the NLSLD-AD Wi-Fi, students must log in by entering their NLSLD Network login and password.

Guidelines for use

- Use of personal devices is prohibited during class time. However, students may use devices for academic purposes **ONLY** when directed by their teacher.
 - Use of personal devices during the school day is at the discretion of teachers and staff.
 - The purpose of the use of personal devices at school is educational.
 - The use of a personal device is not to be a distraction in any way to teachers or students. Personal devices must not disrupt class in any way.
- The use of personal devices falls under NLSLD Internet, Network and Internet Technology found in the student Handbook (35), and NLSLD Board Policy #237 Electronic Devices.
- Students may use personal devices in non-instructional areas (i.e. cafeteria, hallways) excluding phone calls unless otherwise directed by staff.
- Students shall make no attempts to circumvent the school's network security and/or filtering policies. This includes setting up proxies and downloading programs to bypass security.
- Students shall not take pictures or video of students or staff without their permission (distribution can be as small as emailing/texting to one other person or as large as posting image or video online).

Consequences for Misuse/Disruption (one or more may apply)

Failure to adhere to this policy will result in the following:

- 1st offense - Staff/administration will hold device until the end of the block.
- 2nd offense - Staff will report the violation to the main office where the device will be held until the end of the school day when it will be returned to the student. The student will receive a verbal warning for defiance.
- 3rd offense - Administration will hold the device until the end of the next school day when it will be returned to the student. A parent/guardian may pick up the electronic device at any time before 3:00 P.M. The student will receive an administrative detention for defiance.
- 4th offense - Administration will hold the device until the end of the week when it will be returned to the student. A parent/guardian may pick up the electronic device at any time before 3:00 P.M. The student will receive 2 administrative detentions for defiance.
- 5th offense- Administration will prohibit the student's use and/or possession of personal electronic devices and the student will receive 2 administrative detentions for defiance.
- 6th + offense- Failure to comply with the former prohibition of electronic devices consequence will result in a minimum of a 1 day out of school suspension.

NOTE: Failure to turn over an electronic device listed above when requested by high school faculty, staff or administration will be considered insubordination and will result in appropriate disciplinary consequences.

DRESS CODE

Northern Lehigh School District is of the opinion that good grooming and dress are, first and foremost, the responsibility of the parents and students. We recognize the need on the part of the student to display maturity and good judgment. Nonetheless, our school also, to a lesser degree, shares this responsibility and thus must actively cooperate. We, therefore, offer these guidelines in a helpful way. We are also strongly interested in the health, safety, and well-being of all students. Proper dress is conducive to maintaining a positive educational atmosphere.

Our guidelines suggest that all clothing be clean, neat, and in good taste. Student dress should not distract from the educational process, nor should it focus attention on the wearer due to **indecent or disruptive clothing choice**.

Examples of unacceptable clothing could include, but are not limited to the following:

- Any clothing that displays, advertises, and/or promotes drugs, alcohol, or tobacco/electronic smoking devices/products
- Beads, bandanas, or anything that could be perceived as gang affiliation.
- Any clothing that displays or suggests derogatory and/or inappropriate messages
- See-through or revealing blouses/shirts that expose undergarments/upper torso/midriff; No tank tops/spaghetti straps
- Cut-off shorts/tops/etc. including cut-off sleeves
- Pants/tops that expose midriff (all tops should be able to be tucked in)
- Pants/skirts/dresses worn in a manner that expose/could expose undergarments
- Hats, caps, certain types of scarves and bandanas (Remove upon entering building)
- Sunglasses and/or contact lenses that significantly alter the appearance of the eyes
- Chains and studded/spiked clothing/accessories
- **For safety reasons, open-toe or open-backed shoes may not be permitted in certain classes**

School officials reserve the right to individually review student dress and, if found unacceptable, attempt to remediate the problem. When necessary, articles deemed as inappropriate will be confiscated and/or students will be sent home to change and/or other appropriate actions will be taken to correct the situation.

In making these guidelines, we have given the opportunity to the individual to use his/her good judgment and that of his/her parents. The Board of Education, through its administrators, reserves the right to make reasonable judgments as they affect student dress—giving full consideration to health, sanitation, and safety of the pupils.