



McKenzie County

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We hope you are enjoying a safe and restful summer! As we prepare for another successful school year, we want to inform you of some important updates to our technology and personal device policies, made in response to **North Dakota House Bill 1160** and our continued commitment to the safety and academic success of all students.

Beginning in the **2025-2026 school year**, the following updates will take effect:

- **Grades K–5:**
 - Students will be required to keep cell phones, smartwatches, and other electronic devices in their lockers during the school day.
- **Grades 6–12:**
 - All cell phones *and smartwatches* will be secured in Yondr pouches during the school day.
- **All Grade Levels**
 - Bluetooth headphones/earbuds (including AirPods and similar devices) will not be permitted during the school day. Students may use personal corded headphones.
 - Personal laptops or tablets will no longer be allowed; all students will be required to use school-issued devices to ensure digital safety and consistent access to learning tools.
 - Meta glasses or any wearable devices with recording capabilities will not be allowed on school grounds.

These updates are part of our ongoing efforts to foster a safe, focused, and distraction-free learning environment. By reducing access to personal electronic devices during the school day, we are creating more opportunities for student engagement, interpersonal connection, and academic growth.

We appreciate your support and partnership as we implement these changes. Our staff is committed to helping students adjust smoothly and will be working closely with them to ensure understanding and compliance with the updated policy.

Thank you for your continued support in making our schools a safe and supportive place for all students to learn and thrive.