

Osmond Elementary Phone Policy (Starting 2025-26 School Year)

At Osmond Elementary, our top priority is creating a safe, focused, and respectful learning environment for all students. Over the past few years, we've seen an increase in distractions, disruptions, and concerns related to student cell phone and smart watch use during the school day. While we understand that many families want their child to have a phone for before- and after-school safety, these devices can become a source of bullying, academic distraction, and privacy concerns when used during school hours.

Starting the 2025-26 school year, if students bring a phone to school, it must be **turned off** and **kept in their backpack** for the entire day. Phones are not to be accessed during school hours, including recess and lunch. If a student accesses their phone during the day:

- **First offense:** The phone will be given to the teacher and returned at the end of the school day.
- **Second offense:** The phone will be taken to the principal's office, and a parent or guardian must pick it up.
- **Repeated offenses:** The student may be prohibited from bringing a phone to school or required to secure it in a Yondr lock pouch upon arrival each morning.

Smart watches may be worn as **time-keeping devices only**. If a student uses a smart watch to text, call, take pictures, or access the internet during the day, it will be treated as a phone under this policy.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, please **call the front office**. We will get a message to them or have them call you back as soon as possible. Likewise, if a student needs to call home, they may come to the office and use the school phone.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a learning environment where students can be fully present, build positive relationships, and stay safe. By keeping phones and smart watches from becoming distractions, we give our students the best chance to focus on what matters most—learning, growing, and enjoying their time at school.

Thank you for partnering with us in putting students first.

Sincerely,

Tyler Jack

Principal, Osmond Elementary