



INDIANA'S NEW DEVICE LAW

WHAT PENN FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

Indiana law now requires all public schools to adopt policies restricting student use of personal communication devices **Bell to Bell**.

Let's clear up the confusion. Here are the facts you need to know.

✖ MYTH



This is a new rule created by Penn.
Our school and district made up this policy.



Cell phones are banned from school.
Students won't be able to bring them to school.



Apple Watches and smartwatches are allowed.
They're just watches, not phones.



Students can use their phones at lunch or passing periods.
Those times aren't instructional.



I won't be able to reach my child in an emergency.
They need their phone to contact me.



If my child forgets their phone or breaks the rules, they will get in big trouble.
Punishments will be severe.

✔ FACT

Indiana law now requires every public school corporation to adopt restrictions on personal communication devices Bell to Bell. Penny-Harris-Madison is adhering to the law.



Students may still bring phones to school. At Penn High School, students will be required to keep their personal communication devices powered off and stored away in a bag.



Smartwatches are treated the same as cell phones under Indiana law. This law pertains to all personal communication devices including but not limited to smartwatches, AI Glasses, I pads, and personal computers.



Devices may not be used during lunch, passing periods, or in the hallways.



Parents can contact the school office and we will ensure messages are delivered when necessary. Parents can also email their student directly.



Student discipline will follow district procedures and will emphasize education, consistency, and progressive accountability.

