



**PS 145 The Bloomingdale School
Updated Student Device Policy
2024-2025**

To ensure a focused and safe learning environment, elementary students are required to turn in their cell phones and smart watches to their teachers at the start of each instructional day. These devices will be securely stored and returned to students at the end of the school day.

Reasons for the Policy

Minimizing Distractions: Cell phones and smart watches can disrupt the learning process. By removing these distractions, we create a more conducive environment for education.

Ensuring Safety: Unsupervised use of these devices can lead to safety concerns, including cyberbullying and unauthorized communication which lead to potential physical confrontations.

Implementation

Morning Collection: Upon arrival, students will hand their cell phones and smart watches to their homeroom teacher and they will lock them away in a locker designated to their class.

Secure Storage: Devices will be stored securely during school hours in an administrative office. If there is an emergency, please call the Main Office at (212) 678-2857.

Afternoon Return: At the end of the school day, teachers will return the devices to the students prior to dismissal / afterschool collection.

We appreciate the cooperation of parents and guardians in helping us maintain a safe and productive educational atmosphere. Thank you for your understanding and support in enforcing this policy. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school administration.