



Wireless Communications Device Policy (2026–2027)

In accordance with **Section 1303a of The Revised School Code (MCL 380.1303a)**, Kalamazoo Prep Academy maintains a policy prohibiting the use of personal wireless communications devices during instructional time on school grounds to foster a safe, focused, and distraction-free learning environment.

1. Scope & Definitions

- **Wireless Communications Device:** Any electronic device capable of text messaging, voice communication, entertainment, navigation, internet access, photo/video transmission, or email. This includes personal smartphones, personal tablets, smartwatches, and internet-connected devices.
- **Exclusion (Basic Telephones):** Per state law, "basic telephones" (devices primarily used for voice calling that cannot support third-party applications, internet browsing, or media platforms) are excluded from this restriction.
- **School Grounds:** Includes all campus buildings, classrooms, hallways, restrooms, lunchrooms, libraries, playing fields, and property used for school purposes or school-sponsored events.

2. Policy & Storage Overview

- **Arrival & Storage:** Upon arrival, students must secure their personal wireless communications devices in a designated locked storage cabinet and retain their assigned key during the school day.
- **Security Check:** Security personnel will confirm students are not in possession of an unauthorized wireless device prior to entering classrooms.
- **Retrieval:** Devices may only be retrieved at dismissal. Students who leave campus and re-enter during the day may not re-enter with an active device.
- **Prohibited Areas:** Unauthorized personal devices are strictly prohibited in classrooms, hallways, restrooms, lunchrooms, libraries, and common areas during instructional hours.

3. Mandatory Statutory Exemptions

In compliance with **MCL 380.1303a(4)**, restrictions do not apply to:

1. **Medically Necessary Devices:** Devices required for documented medical monitoring or



health needs.

2. **District-Owned Devices:** School-issued laptops, tablets, or computers provided by Kalamazoo Prep Academy for educational purposes.
3. **Instructional Use:** Devices officially designated by the school for instructional purposes.
4. **Special Education & Accommodations:** Devices required for special education programming, Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), or Section 504 accommodations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or ADA.
5. **Teacher-Authorized Academic Use:** Lesson-specific assignments conducted under the limited, direct discretion and supervision of a classroom teacher.
6. **Emergency Situations:** Emergency communications as outlined in the school emergency operations plan (MCL 380.1308b). Emergency device use must not interfere with school safety protocols or first responder actions.

4. Enforcement & Policy Violations

- **Refusal to Store Device:** Students who refuse to properly store an unauthorized device upon entry will be denied entry for the day.
- **Possession During School Hours:** Students found with an unauthorized active device during the school day will have the device confiscated and will be sent home immediately.
- **Repeated Violations:** Repeated non-compliance may result in disciplinary action up to and including out-of-school suspension.
- **Alternative Communication:** Classroom and main office landline phones remain available for administrative and emergency parent communications.