

## Region 2 Cell Phone Practices

Division	24/25 Status	Elementary	Middle	High
Suffolk Public Schools	No Change - Planning for a January 25th revision	Not allowed unless parent complete a form and must stay in bookbag and out of sight	Must stay in bookbag and out of sight	Can be used during non-class times. Use in the classroom is at the teacher's discretion. You will find two sided signs that read "Cell Phone Allowed" and Cell Phone Away"
Portsmouth	Revised Policy to Start the year	Not be used within the school building or on school grounds. If a parent wants their elementary student to bring a cell phone to school, the device must be turned off and stored away from the student during the school day.	Not to be used during the bell-to-bell school day, but can be used before and after school. They must be stored and turned off during the bell-to-bell school day.	Not to be used during the bell-to-bell school day, but can be used before and after school. They must be stored and turned off during the bell-to-bell school day.
Isle of Wight	Revised Policy to Start the year <a href="https://4.files.edl.io/0981/08/27/24/161649-51289657-a490-47ba-82a6-904a28f2831c.pdf">https://4.files.edl.io/0981/08/27/24/161649-51289657-a490-47ba-82a6-904a28f2831c.pdf</a>	Cell Phone away during school hours	Cell Phone away during school hours	Cell Phone away during school hours
Williamsburg James City County	Cell Phone Free Policy as of Aug. 20, 2024	All phones off and away throughout the day	All phones off and away throughout the day	All phones off and away throughout the day
Poquoson	No Change			
Virginia Beach	No Change	Banned during instructional times and in instructional settings	Banned during instructional times and in instructional settings	Banned during instructional times and in instructional settings

Chesapeake	No Change since revised policy in 23-24	Students may possess cell phones on school property, during school hours, while participating in afterschool activities, and while at school-related functions, but they must be powered completely off, properly stored away, and not visible.	Students may possess cell phones on school property, during school hours, while participating in afterschool activities, and while at school-related functions, but they must be powered completely off, properly stored away, and not visible.	Students may possess cell phones on school property, during school hours, while participating in afterschool activities, and while at school-related functions, but they must be powered completely off, properly stored away, and not visible.
Norfolk	July 2024	No cellphones in school	May bring to school but cannot be used during class	May bring to school but cannot be used during class
Hampton		Banned from using phones during class, with the exception of structured "Bring Your Own Device" activities supervised by a teacher or school officials	Banned from using phones during class, with the exception of structured "Bring Your Own Device" activities supervised by a teacher or school officials.	Banned from using phones during class, with the exception of structured "Bring Your Own Device" activities supervised by a teacher or school officials.
Newport News		Elementary students with cell phones should keep them off, and out of sight, during regular school hours and during after-school activities	Middle school students are permitted to have and use cell phones after school dismissal on school board property.	High school students are permitted to have and use cell phones after school dismissal on school board property.