

Cellular/Smart Phones Guidelines

Various portable electronic devices are prevalent in today's society. These tools can provide increased productivity and access to important learning tools. However, these devices, such as mobile/cellular phones, tablets, smartwatches, etc., can also present great distractions, leading to loss of learning opportunities, and create hazardous conditions around tools and machinery. These devices are now outlawed in schools per Vermont statute. While that is true, BTC understands that students are traveling to our center from sending schools each day, and cell phones can be a safety tool during travel, especially for students who drive themselves. Students are permitted to travel to BTC with cell phones; however, BTC requires students to adhere to the following guidelines for electronic devices:

- Electronic devices, such as the ones mentioned above, are not permitted at all during the school day, including in classroom or laboratory (shop) learning times, lunch, free time, or restroom breaks.
- Your teacher will have a specific place where electronic devices should be kept during learning time. These include provided lockers in the program space, phone organizers, locked boxes, backpacks, or left in a locked car. Students need to adhere to the program teacher's directives on electronic devices.
- Phones and other electronic devices should not be taken out for trips to the restroom or other areas of BTC buildings.
- On occasion, students will need to use their phones to access their college portals through the Duo Mobile App. This is necessary with dual enrollment courses. This will be a permitted use of cell phones.
- Using the camera on electronic devices without the permission of the subjects in the photos is prohibited. Students, as well as and faculty and staff, may not want their pictures taken for a variety of reasons.
- If parents or guardians need to contact their students immediately, they can call the main office or the phone numbers provided for each teacher and their laboratory space.
- Bringing electronic devices and their accessories, such as AirPods, to school is the sole responsibility of the owner of the devices. BTC is not responsible for lost or stolen devices.
- All adults working at or visiting BTC should only use mobile devices for school safety or essential operational needs. No other uses are permitted outside of closed office spaces.