



Communication Device Guidance

Schools should develop a device policy that adheres to the guidelines set forth in the Assessment Security Guide. Students may not have access to any communication devices or electronic devices which connect to the internet or have Bluetooth capabilities, during the testing sessions or during any breaks (such as a restroom visit). These devices are prohibited because they may be used for communication, capturing images of the test or testing room, or data storage.

Such devices include, but are not limited to:

- Cell phones.
- Smart Watches.
- BlackBerry devices.
- iPods and MP3 players.
- iPads, tablets, and other eReaders.
- Laptops, notebooks, or any other personal computing devices.
- Cameras or other photographic equipment.
- Bluetooth headphones, headsets, or in-ear headphones such as earbuds.
- Any device capable of recording audio, photographic or video content, or capable of viewing or playing back such content.

Students should be informed of this policy in advance and be strongly encouraged to leave such items out of the testing rooms. Students who bring these devices into school should have them stored in their lockers or in the classroom with the teacher (as district/school policies allow) until testing is complete for the day. Students may not keep cell phones or any other devices on this list, or devices with similar capabilities to those on this list, within their possession unless provided written approval by WDE due to outstanding health concerns. If a student accesses any of these devices during testing, it will constitute a prohibited behavior and the student's test results in that content area may be invalidated.