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Dear Wildcat Families,

On Monday, July 21, the Gouverneur CSD Board of Education adopted a new [policy regarding student use of cell phones and other Internet-enabled devices during the school day](#). This policy aligns with a new law in New York State that restricts student use of such devices in public schools.

As required by the law, students will not be permitted to use cell phones or other Internet-enabled devices on school grounds from the first bell to the last bell of the school day.

What families need to know

- **Device storage:** Students are encouraged to leave devices at home. If they bring them to school, devices must be stored in lockers or assigned cubbies before the first class and remain there until dismissal. Students signed out early may retrieve their devices at dismissal but should not use them until they have exited the building.
- **Where the policy applies:** This policy applies across all school buildings and grounds, including hallways, PE areas, lunchrooms, classrooms, study halls, and field trips. Students in off-campus programs, such as Southwest Tech, must follow the policies of those programs.
- **Exceptions:** The law allows for exceptions related to healthcare needs. At Gouverneur CSD, students may use Internet-enabled devices only for managing personal healthcare, with administrative knowledge and appropriate medical documentation.

How to contact your child during the day

If you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact the appropriate main office using the following numbers.

- Gouverneur Elementary School – 315-287-2260
- Gouverneur Middle School – 315-287-1903
- Gouverneur High School – 315-287-1900

If a student needs to contact a parent or guardian, they may request a pass to use the office phone.

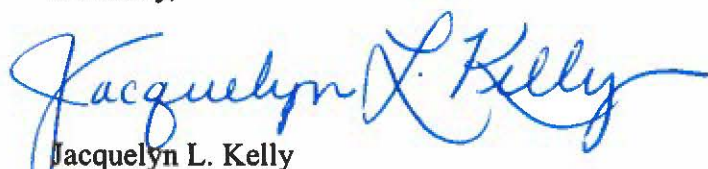
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Policy enforcement

Students who do not comply with the district's Internet-enabled device policy may face consequences according to the Code of Conduct.

If you have any questions or concerns about the new policy or the New York State law, please contact my office at 315-287-4870 or email me at kelly.jackie@gcsk12.org.

Sincerely,



Jacquelyn L. Kelly
Superintendent of Schools