

Student Usage of Computers, Cell Phones, etc.

The ability to create and utilize new technologies is a distinctive characteristic of man, the image-bearer of the Creator God. As His creatures it is also our privilege and responsibility to be good stewards of such technologies. This includes recognizing how they can help us in our further exercise of a godly dominion on the earth, as well as anticipating additional consequences of their use, and responding to unintended effects. We want to ensure that these technologies are serving us, rather than the reverse; that our use of them enables us to better achieve our larger goals, rather than undermining them. The following guidelines are intended to help promote and protect these goals as regards student use of technology here at MHA.

Computers

Personal computers/lap-tops are not for regular in-class use. They may be used in the classroom in conjunction with a major essay or paper, and only with the permission of the teacher. Use of a computer during Work Period is likewise limited to work on these designated assignments; in such instances, the student is to communicate this to the Work Period teacher at the beginning of the period.

Internet research while at school will take place only under the direct, immediate supervision of the teacher whose class requires it.

Note: Teachers will normally assign essays and papers that may be hand-written (typing not required). For 'major essays or papers' (typically 4+ pages), as well as specifically multi-draft assignments, typing may be mandated.

Cell Phones

Cell phones brought into school are to be turned off, kept permanently out of sight, and remain unused until the student is at his departure vehicle at the end of the day (or, for a junior or senior, when leaving in the middle of the day). Necessary phone communications between student and home/parent may take place via the Office as usual.

Radio/Tape/CD Players

These are to be brought to school only in conjunction with a specific assignment and as directed by the teacher. On such occasions they may not be used for other purposes.

Calculators

Calculators are to be used for math or math-related problem-solving only.

Other

Other electronic devices should not be brought to school except for curricular purposes and as directed by a teacher.