

PERSONAL DEVICE-FREE EDUCATION

Studies indicate that students who use cell phones or other personal communication devices in class learn less and earn lower grades. The issue extends beyond temporary distraction; substantial personal communication device and social media use can have detrimental, cumulative and lasting effects on adolescents' levels of focus and concentration. Accordingly, establishing a personal communication device-free environment in Albemarle County Public Schools is necessary to ensure all students are free to learn in a healthy and focused educational setting.

Therefore, as of January 1, 2025, Albemarle County Public Schools will provide "Personal Device-Free Education."

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