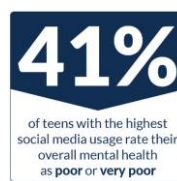
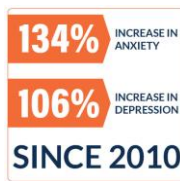
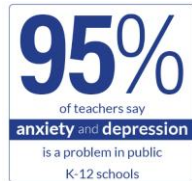


## FHS Cell Phone Policy 2025-26

### Why are we going cell-phone-free?

- Phones are interrupting student learning
- 40% of 8–12-year-olds and 95% of teenagers are on social media
- Teens spend nearly five hours a day on social media apps
- 3+ hours a day on social media doubles the risk of poor mental health



### What are cell-phone-free schools seeing?



- Improvements in overall school culture
- Students talking to each other more
- Fewer disruptions in the classroom
- Increased Engagement

### \*Parent Communication\*

- Parents communicate to students through the Main Office during school hours @ 509-291-3721

### Freeman High School Cell Phone Policy

- High school will be cell phone-free during classroom time.
- Other cell-based devices, such as smartwatches, air pods, etc., also will not be allowed to be used during classroom time.
- Students with specific medical or other documented needs may have accommodations made on an individual basis.
- High school students may use their cell phone during meals and passing periods.

### Daily Routine:

- Teachers remind students of the policy and expectations at the beginning of each class period.

### Violation Procedure:

- One warning and redirection to store the phone in their locker or designated location.
- Continued violation results in non-confrontational device surrender request.
- Teacher may seek support from Administration

### Device Confiscation:

- Student will walk their phone down to the Main Office and give to administration or other office personnel.
- Confiscated devices will be stored in a secure location in the office for end-of-day pickup.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> office referral, parent/guardian will be notified that they need to pick up their child's device.
- Escalated behavior may result in disciplinary actions in partnership with parent/guardian.

### Repeated Violations:

- Creation of a plan with student and family/guardian.