

To support student learning and well-being, and in line with new legislation from Governor Hochul, Rochester Prep Charter Schools are updating our policy on personal electronic devices. While technology can support education, it also presents challenges like distractions, mental health concerns, and safety issues.

With input from our Cell Phone Advisory Committee and community feedback, we've set the following grade-level policies.

Grade Level	Technology Policies
Elementary School (Grades K-4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students are not permitted to bring cell phones, smart watches, smart glasses, or other electronics to school.
Middle School & High School (Grades 5-12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All internet-connected devices such as Cell Phones and Smart Watches: In the interest of student safety during commuting, students are permitted to bring internet-connected devices to school. However, the following conditions apply:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cell phones must be turned off, labeled with student name and homeroom if applicable and stowed away according to school procedures.○ Except as noted below, internet-connected devices including cell phones and smart watches must be completely turned off during the school day from the start of instruction until dismissal.• All high school students are provided with a school-issued Chromebook device. Students need to bring their Chromebook to and from school each and every day.