



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Martin Luther King High School

6100 Stenton Avenue
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August 17, 2026

RE: New Electronic Devices Policy (Cell Phones)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce that the cell phone lockers for Martin Luther King High School have arrived and will be in use starting the first day of classes, August 24, 2026.

Research supports the notion that phone-free schools are safer and more conducive to student learning. While cell phones have been prohibited per Martin Luther King's policy, this is the first year that we are taking steps to implement it.

To improve student focus and engagement, our school is implementing a strict daily cell phone policy:

- **Daily Protocol:** Students must turn in their cell phones to their grade-level climate manager or assistant principal upon arrival. Phones are securely stored and returned at dismissal.
- **Unauthorized Devices:** Using or possessing any phone during school hours—including another student's device—is prohibited.

Disciplinary Escalation Matrix

Offense	Disciplinary Action
1st Offense	Administrative conversation & parent contact
2nd Offense	Detention & parent contact
3rd Offense	Mandatory parent/guardian conference
4th Offense	Formal administrative hearing & temporary/permanent school grounds phone ban

We will have a staff member monitor the area of the cell phone lockers during arrival and then lock the area during the school day. This area will be off-limits to students during the school day except under the supervision of a staff member. The area will also be monitored by our school cameras and random security checks.

For urgent matters during the school day, please contact the main office directly at 215-400-3500.

Sincerely,
Keisha Q. Wilkins