



ILIMA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Home of the ROYALES



Dear Ilima Intermediate Families,

We are writing to share an important update regarding student cell phone use at our school. To ensure a focused, safe, and distraction-free learning environment for our 7th and 8th graders, the Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) has established updated guidelines for personal electronic devices.



These changes will be enforced beginning on

AUGUST 6, 2026.

Below is a summary of what this means for your child during the school day:



DEVICES OFF AND AWAY

Personal cell phones, smartwatches, and wireless earbuds must be turned off and placed completely out of sight in backpacks before the first bell rings.



FULL-DAY RESTRICTION

Students are strictly prohibited from using these devices at any point during the school day. This includes during classes, passing periods, and lunch.



EMERGENCY EXCEPTIONS

Students are permitted to use their devices in the event of an emergency or a perceived threat to personal safety.



APPROVED ACCOMMODATIONS

Exceptions apply for documented medical needs or approved Individualized Education Program (IEP) accommodations.



DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Please note that compliance with this policy is mandatory. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in disciplinary actions in accordance with Chapter 19 student misconduct rules. Continued or severe violations may result in the confiscation of the device, requiring a parent or guardian to come pick it up from a school administrator and/or possible suspension for repeated offenses.



STAYING CONNECTED

We understand that staying connected with your child is highly important. If you experience an emergency and need to reach your 7th or 8th grader during the school day, please contact our main office directly at **(808) 687-9300**, and our staff will convey the message to your student immediately.

Thank you for your valuable partnership in helping our Royales stay focused on academic success and positive face-to-face social interactions.

Please contact the administration if you have any questions.

With appreciation,

‘ILIMA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION