

Buxton School Technology Policy

At Buxton, we are deeply committed to fostering an exceptional environment for learning, personal growth, and vibrant community building. In light of that commitment, and after many conversations with faculty, students, and parents, we have decided not to permit the use of Smartphones at Buxton.

Buxton is not an isolated entity; rather, it exists within the broader world and remains firmly connected to it. Nevertheless, we acknowledge that our purpose is not to replicate the external environment within our hundred-acre community. On the contrary, we have always strived to forge a distinct path and create something unique. Our intention is to construct a purposeful space—an intentional community—where individuals can truly understand themselves and others.

We firmly believe that abstaining from smartphone usage for thirty-two weeks a year will not leave our community members ill-prepared for their futures. In fact, we are convinced that this decision will yield positive outcomes. The greatest preparation for college, career, and life lies in deep self-knowledge and the ability to engage in meaningful human connections. When individuals possess a profound understanding of their values, ethics, aesthetics, minds, and hearts, they become equipped to navigate any world they encounter.

We ask families to leave any pocket-sized device at home that:

- Has the ability to install “apps” like Snapchat, Instagram, or TikTok
- Allows browsing the internet

This does not include cell phones that lack the above abilities or tablets (generally 8” or bigger) that include the above abilities. However we do ask that tablets are set up to only access wifi and do not come with data plans, so as not to distract from important hours of sleep at night

If your student needs their smartphone while traveling to or from school, we ask that you let us know, so that we can collect their phone upon arrival and keep it safe until they depart.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to John (John.Kalapos@Buxtonschool.org) or Linda (lburlak@Buxtonschool.org) if you have any questions!

Student Name

student signature

Parent name

parent/guardian signature

Date