



Cedar Hollow Elementary School

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Expectations for Fidgets & Electronic Devices Working Together to Keep Students Focused on Learning

To help create a safe, respectful, and distraction-free learning environment, we ask that all families review the following expectations with their child before the first day of school.

Fidgets

We understand that some students benefit from using fidgets as a tool to help them focus. However, over the past several years, personal fidgets brought from home have increasingly become toys rather than learning tools, creating distractions for both the student using them and those around them.

Schoolwide Expectation:

Please keep all personal fidgets at home.

Supporting Students

- Every classroom has teacher-approved fidgets available for students who need them.
- Teachers will determine when a fidget is appropriate as a learning support.
- If your child has a specific sensory need that requires a particular type of fidget, we will work with your family to provide an appropriate option or determine the best solution together.

Our goal is to ensure that fidgets remain learning tools, not classroom distractions.

Cell Phones, Smart Watches & Other Electronic Devices

We understand that many families choose to send electronic devices with their children for safety and communication. We appreciate your partnership in helping us ensure these devices do not interfere with learning.

Schoolwide Expectations:

Cell Phones & Personal Electronics

- Cell phones and other personal electronic devices should remain powered off or silenced and stored in backpacks throughout the school day.

Smart Watches

- Smart watches may be worn and used as a **watch only**.
- If a smart watch is used for texting, calling, gaming, internet access, taking photos, recording, or any purpose other than telling time, the student will be asked to place it on the teacher's desk or store it in their backpack for the remainder of the school day.

Communication During the School Day

- If you need to get a message to your child, please contact the school office.
- If your child needs to contact you during the school day, they will do so through the school office.
- This helps minimize classroom interruptions while ensuring important messages are communicated promptly.

Thank You for Your Partnership!

These expectations help us maintain classrooms where students can focus on learning, teachers can maximize instructional time, and everyone has the opportunity to be successful.

Thank you for partnering with us to create a positive and productive learning environment for all students at Cedar Hollow!

Please keep this page for future reference.

These schoolwide expectations will remain in effect throughout the 2026–2027 school year.

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