



Cell Phones and Electronic Devices (Students)

Purpose

Electronic devices are permitted in school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, and/or while participating in school-sponsored activities in accordance with the provisions of this Policy.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) or designee is authorized to develop and implement regulations on the use of cell phones and other electronic devices by students in school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, and/or while participating in school-sponsored activities to the extent that such regulations are in accordance with applicable law and not inconsistent with the general guidelines outlined below.

Definition

Electronic devices shall mean all devices that can take photographs; that can record, store, transmit, receive, reproduce, initiate, or display audio or video data, calls, messages, images, or any other form(s) of communications; or that can connect to the internet. This definition includes all devices with voice, data, text, and/or navigation capabilities, those that perform word processing functions, and those that support computer and online applications (apps).

Guidelines

Students may possess electronic devices in school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, and/or while participating in school-sponsored subject to the conditions listed below and any additional regulations developed and implemented by the CEO or designee.

1. All Young Scholars students will be required to power down and turn in all cell phones and electronic devices upon arrival to school each day. Students are not permitted to be in possession of a cell phone or electronic device during school, whether active or inactive.
2. Smartwatches are not permitted to be worn in school and will be collected if worn.
3. Electronic devices may not be used to conduct any activities that violate applicable law, Board Policy, school rules, or any applicable student handbook or code of conduct.
4. Electronic devices may not be used in any manner that interferes with, or is disruptive to, educational or extracurricular activities or events of the School.
5. Use of electronic devices in restrooms, locker rooms, and other areas where individuals would have a similar expectation of privacy is expressly prohibited.

6. Without prior permission from a teacher or school administrator, students may not use electronic devices in school to capture videos, photos or audio.
7. The School is not responsible for any damage or theft that may occur to electronic devices.
8. Personal electronic devices must be used in accordance with the School's Acceptable Use of Technology Policy, if applicable.

Notwithstanding the rules set forth above, electronic devices may be used at any for the purposes of reporting an emergency situation or a violation of Board Policy, school rules, or any applicable student handbook or code of conduct to an appropriate school official when such violation constitutes a threat to the health, safety or welfare of members of the school community. Electronic devices may also be used in accordance with a student's IEP or Section 504 Service Agreement.

Violations

Violations of this Policy, including any regulations imposed on the use of electronic devices by the CEO or designee, may result in disciplinary action, including mandatory parent conferences, suspension, potential expulsion, and/or referral to law enforcement.