

Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices

Purpose

To establish clear, developmentally appropriate guidelines for student use of cell phones and other electronic devices during school hours and school-sponsored activities, in compliance with C.R.S. 22-1-149. This policy balances student safety, access to learning technologies, and responsible device use while maintaining a focus on academic engagement and school culture.

Policy Statement

Crown Pointe Academy recognizes that cell phones and other electronic devices are prevalent in students' daily lives and can serve educational and safety purposes. In accordance with state law, the school permits student possession and use of such devices during the school day within defined parameters that support learning, student well-being, and safety.

Definitions

- **Electronic Device:** Includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, laptops, e-readers, headphones, and portable gaming devices.
- **Instructional Time:** The period during which classroom instruction is taking place, as defined by the school schedule.

General Provisions

1. Allowable Use

Students may possess and use personal electronic devices on school property and during school activities under the following conditions:

- Before and after school hours
- During passing periods and lunch, unless otherwise restricted by staff
- During instructional time only with explicit permission from the classroom teacher or as required by an Individualized Education Program (IEP), 504 Plan, or other documented accommodation.

2. Restricted Use

Students may not use personal devices:

- To engage in academic dishonesty, bullying, harassment, or other misconduct.
- To record, photograph, or livestream without permission from staff and all individuals being recorded.
- In areas where privacy is expected (e.g., restrooms, locker rooms).

3. Teacher Discretion and Classroom Management

Teachers and staff may set additional expectations for their classrooms, provided they are:

- o Clearly communicated to students and families
 - o Developmentally appropriate
 - o Not in conflict with this policy or student rights under C.R.S. 22-1-149
4. **Equity Considerations**
The school will not discipline or penalize students for lack of access to personal electronic devices. No instructional activity will require students to use a personal device unless school-provided alternatives are made available.
5. **Emergency Use**
In an emergency, students may use devices to contact parents or guardians if it is safe and appropriate to do so. School personnel may also direct students to use devices for communication.
6. **Disciplinary Measures**
Inappropriate use of electronic devices may result in:
- o Verbal warnings
 - o Confiscation of the device for the remainder of the day
 - o Parent notification or conference
 - o Repeated violations may result in temporary or progressive restrictions

Disciplinary action will not include blanket bans on possession or access to devices and will follow due process protocols.

Parental Rights

In accordance with C.R.S. 22-1-149(3), parents/guardians may request that their child not use a personal device during the school day. The school will honor such requests with reasonable accommodations.

Implementation and Review

The school will review this policy annually and provide opportunities for input from students, staff, and families. Updates will be communicated through handbooks and the school website.

Purpose

In accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes §22-1-149, this policy establishes parameters for student possession and use of cell phones and other personal electronic devices during the school day. The purpose is to minimize distractions, support a safe and focused learning environment, and promote healthy student development.

Policy Statement

Students are prohibited from using cell phones or personal electronic devices during instructional time, including class periods, lunch, recess, and passing periods, unless expressly

authorized by school staff under the limited exceptions below. All devices must remain turned off or in silent mode and stored out of sight during the school day.

Scope

This policy applies to all students in grades Preschool through 8th Grade while on school grounds, during school hours, and during school-sponsored events unless otherwise stated.

Exceptions

Limited exceptions may be made under the following circumstances:

1. **Emergency Situations** – A student may use a cell phone or device to communicate in a verified emergency situation as determined by school staff or emergency personnel.
2. **Medical Necessity** – Students with documented medical conditions requiring the use of electronic monitoring or communication devices (e.g., glucose monitors) may use them in accordance with a health plan approved by the school nurse or administration.
3. **Disability Accommodations** – Use of assistive technology as required by an IEP or Section 504 plan is permitted.
4. **Explicit Staff Permission** – A teacher or administrator may allow device use for a specific instructional purpose or other approved activity.

Enforcement and Discipline

Violations of this policy may result in the following graduated interventions:

- **First Violation** – Verbal reminder and confiscation for the remainder of the school day.
- **Second Violation** – Parent/guardian contact and requirement for the parent to retrieve the device.
- **Subsequent Violations** – Disciplinary action in accordance with the school's student code of conduct, which may include loss of device privileges on campus.

Confiscated devices will be stored securely and returned per school procedures. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

Parent and Guardian Notification

Parents/guardians will be informed of this policy annually and upon enrollment. The policy will be made available on the school's website and in the student handbook.

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LEGAL REFS.:

C.R.S. § 22-1-149 (Electronic devices in school settings – policy required)