



Woodbury High School Electronics Policy

BACKGROUND

Use of Cell Phones or Other Electronic Devices

Electronic devices have become an integral part of the educational process. Electronic devices enhance the learning experience providing access and tools for all students. Most students possess such devices and parents support their appropriate use in a school setting. As an innovative school, Woodbury High School encourages the appropriate use of electronic devices in the classroom or other school settings. The personal use of electronic devices must not endanger persons or property, disrupt the educational process, or violate a publicized policy of the school. The behavior of the student using the device is addressed rather than the possession of the device.

Use in the Classroom

Appropriate use of electronic devices and systems enrich the teaching and learning process by permitting access to external references and learning tools including on line texts, interpretations, and other resources thereby connecting the classroom to the world. Use of electronic devices is inextricably linked to greater success in the acquisition of skills and competencies and prepares students for post-secondary education, the workplace and life.

Use of electronic devices is not appropriate where safety is a concern, for example in technology education.

Classroom use of electronic devices is subject to regulation by the teacher and a social contract is encouraged subject to classroom rules developed as part of the social contract.

If electronic devices are utilized by the instructor as part of a planned instructional design, cooperative grouping ensures that all students have access to the electronic device.

THE APPROVED POLICY

The possession and use of Electronic Devices (E-Devices) is a privileged part of the educational experience. The school may revoke the privilege of possessing and using E-devices at any time at its sole discretion. E-Devices include devices used to communicate, receive, send, store, record or listen to voice, text, digital, audio, video, photo, electronic or internet/cyberspace data, images and/or information which shall include but not be limited to pagers, cellular phones, iPods, Personal Digital Assistants, MP3 Players, portable music players, laptops, CD players, game players, cameras, video cameras, GPS, etc. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen E-Devices, its programs or its contents.

- E-Devices may be carried by the student during the school day but must be carried in the off or silent mode, with the exception of time between classes and during the lunch hour.

- E-Devices MAY be used, viewed, listened to by students before and after school during passing time, and during the student's lunch period. Additionally E-Devices may be used in the classroom for academic purposes/note taking at the discretion of the teacher. Teachers are encouraged to develop lessons utilizing technology, and under those circumstances, use is allowed.
- Electronic devices should be turned off and out of sight in academic settings when not employed for coursework as well as in bathrooms, locker rooms, and the school health office (without the permission of the health staff).
- In the event of illness at school, students must utilize the health office in order to facilitate parent contact, not personal electronic devices. The school nurse is responsible for monitoring all dismissals due to illness.
- It is never acceptable to take photos or videos of others without their permission.
- It is never acceptable to send threatening or harassing text messages or phone calls.
- Electronic devices are not to be used on exam days, unless the classroom instructor has developed a specific testing protocol necessitating their use.

CONSEQUENCES

Students who violate this policy regarding cell phones and electronics device are subject to appropriate disciplinary consequences.

First-Offense: Confiscation by instructor; phone returned to student through Assistant Principals at end of school day.

Second Offense: Confiscation by instructor; Parent required to claim item from Assistant Principal.

If a student refuses to surrender electronic device to staff member, Assistant Principal is called and incident is handled as insubordination.

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