

Regulations for Electronic Signaling Devices

Limiting or Prohibiting the Use of Electronic Signaling Devices on the Charter School Campus

Sonoma Charter School permits students to possess electronic signaling devices (e.g., cell phones, smart watches, & other mobile devices) on school grounds and while attending school-sponsored activities, provided that such devices do not disrupt the educational program or school activity and are not used for illegal or unethical activities such as cheating on assignments or tests.

If brought to school or to a school-sponsored activity, ALL devices (including watches) must be turned off and be kept in the student's backpack during the school day or activity. Notwithstanding the above, students shall not be prohibited from using or possessing a smartphone on campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or under the supervision or control of school employees under any of the following circumstances:

- In the case of an emergency, or in response to a perceived threat of danger.
- When a teacher or administrator of the Charter School grants permission to the student to possess or use the smartphone, subject to any reasonable limitation they may impose.
- When a licensed physician and surgeon determines that the possession or use of a smartphone is necessary for the health or well-being of the student. (Physician's note required.)
- When the possession or use of a smartphone is required in a student's individualized education program.

No student shall use an electronic signaling device with camera, video or voice recording function in a way or under circumstances which infringe the privacy rights of other students.

Students are responsible for personal electronic signaling devices they bring to school. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of any such device brought onto school property, except that it shall be the responsibility of the school to ensure the safekeeping of any confiscated devices.

Violations of the above will result in the following consequences:

1st incident: Confiscation & return of phone at the end of the day.

2nd incident: Confiscation, parent pick up.

3rd incident: Incident will be considered defiance and will be referred to the administration. A student's right to carry such devices may be revoked for subsequent offenses except where deemed medically necessary.

Confiscated electronic signaling devices shall be stored by school district employees in a secure manner.

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