

Regulations for Smart Devices on School Campuses

Smart Devices include any cell phone, watch, ipods, etc.

Limiting or Prohibiting the Use of Smart Devices on the Charter School Campus

STREAM recognizes there may be a need for students to contact a parent/guardian during the day. Students may have a smart device/cell phone but it must be turned off and put away once they enter campus. No student should take a photo or video of any other person without permission of a staff member. If a student needs to call their parents during the school day, they may ask permission to go to the office and make a call. If a staff member observes a student using a smart device/cell phone or camera during school hours, the student will be asked to surrender the device or camera for the remainder of the day. The smart device/cell phone will be placed in the office for a parent to pick-up. Students may call at lunch or after school to let their parents know they need their smart device/cell phone picked up. Only parents or family members from the emergency contacts may pick up the device. All non-retrieved items will be donated after 4pm on the last day of school.

General Guidelines:

- Students are permitted to use a Smart device/cell phone after school hours to coordinate their pick-up with a parent or authorized contact person, or with permission and supervision of a school staff member.
- Students must comply anytime a request is made by school personnel to cease using their Smart device/cell phone, even before or after school.
- If such a device is observed by staff, during school hours or activities, it shall be confiscated until after school.
- An exception to this policy may be granted by the administrator for purposes relating to the health needs or disability of a student.
- Students and parents are hereby advised that bringing valuables to school, including cell phones are not encouraged. Please note that the school is not responsible for students' lost or stolen personal device(s).

Confiscated Electronic Devices:

- School employees who take actual possession of any personal property of a student, with the intention of returning it at a later time, will ensure that the property is placed in a properly secured and locked location until the student or parent picks it up after class or after school. Items that are unclaimed at the end of the school day will be stored in the school office.
- Classroom teachers will establish a procedure for storing and returning each personal hand-held electronic device that is placed in a properly secured and locked location. Procedures include, but are not limited to, identification of the individual device (such as, stored in a resealable sandwich bag with the student's name written on the bag), a log noting the check-in and check-out of each device, and access that is limited to the classroom teacher and an administrator or designee.
- The same Smart device/cell phone policy rules apply for students in the After School Program as they do during the regular school day.
- Where non-compliant and unauthorized use of personal hand-held electronic devices occurs on more than three (3) occasions in a school year, the student's parent may be required to meet with an administrator to create a behavior plan to prevent further violation of this policy.

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School Safety Policy - #4 Smartphone Regulations

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Notwithstanding the above, students shall not be prohibited from using or possessing a Smart device/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 STREAM 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.
- When the possession or use of a Smart device/smartphone is required in a student's individualized education program.

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