



CELL PHONE POLICY AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE

To support school environments in which students can fully engage with their classmates, their teachers, and instruction, the Board of Education of Legacy Academy of Excellence has determined the use of cell phones by students during school hours should be limited.

The objective of this policy is to strengthen Legacy Academy of Excellence's focus on learning, in alignment with our mission to ignite students' passion for learning, cultivate a strong foundation of knowledge, and foster a sense of community within our schools.

Why is this important?

Research shows that student use of cell phones and other electronic devices in schools has negative effects on student performance and mental health. Cell phones distract students from classroom instruction, resulting in smaller learning gains and lower test scores. Increased cell phone use has led to higher levels of depression, anxiety, and other mental health disorders in children.

Applicability

This policy applies to the use of cell phones and other electronic devices (IPADS and watches) by students while on school property during school hours.

Use of cellphones and other electronic devices

Students are prohibited from using cell phones and other electronic devices (not provided by the school) at all times.

Exception

Nothing in this policy prohibits a student from using a cell phone for a purpose documented in the student's individualized education program developed under Chapter 3323 of the Ohio Revised Code or a plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 29 U.S.C. 794.

A student may use a cell phone to monitor or address a health concern.



Storage

All cellular and electronic devices will be collected upon arrival and will be returned to the student during dismissal.

Discipline

If a student violates this policy, a teacher or administrator shall take the following progressively serious disciplinary measures:

1st offense: verbal notification of the policy

2nd offense: phone/device will be collected and turned into the office

3rd offense: phone/device will be collected and stored in a teacher- or administrator-controlled locker, bin, or drawer for the duration of the class period and will only be returned to a parent/guardian

4th offense: phone/device will be collected and stored in a teacher- or administrator-controlled locker, bin, or drawer for the duration of the class period and will only be returned to a parent/guardian. A conference with the student's parent or guardian will be held to discuss the policy and expectations

5th offense: phone/device will be collected and stored in a teacher- or administrator-controlled locker, bin, or drawer for the duration of the class period and student will be assigned Lunch Detention

6th offense: phone/device will be collected and stored in a teacher- or administrator-controlled locker, bin, or drawer for the duration of the class period and student will be assigned Saturday School