



VICTORY LAKES INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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VLI 2021-2022 Cell Phone and Electronic Use Policy

The use of cell phones for students during the instructional day often makes it challenging for students to maintain their focus on learning and instruction. Additionally, this takes away from teachers and other staff members who are tasked with managing the distraction of cell phones, due to the disruption that it causes for the learning environment. Students have been provided with district-issued laptops and programs, which still allows them to use technology to enhance instruction, deepen learning, and bring in real-world experiences, which we fully support and encourage.

We strongly discourage students from bringing AirPods to school. They are expensive and are sometimes misplaced, left behind, or stolen, which is not only upsetting for students, but it also causes a loss of instructional time, as students try to locate them.

At Victory Lakes Intermediate, our goals are to increase instructional time by removing distractions, keep students emotionally and physically safe, and create conditions where students have the optimal opportunity to focus on learning and developing healthy, sustainable relationships throughout the school day.

As a result, we have developed the following cell phone/electronic use procedures for our campus:

- Students must turn off and put away cell phones at 8:40 a.m., when the first morning bell rings. Cell phones must not be visible from 8:40 a.m. – 4:05 p.m. each day. Cell phones must remain in student backpacks or lockers, and not in the pockets of their clothing throughout the school day. **Cell phones must not be visible at all, even if they are not in use.**
- Earbuds, headphones, AirPods, and/or any other electronic devices, other than student laptops must **not** be visible or in use during the school day in any part of the school building (including hallways, bathrooms, library, and the lunchroom), unless permission is granted by a teacher or a staff member, for instructional purposes in the classroom only.
- If cell phones are visible during unauthorized times of the school day, the cell phone will be picked up by a school staff member and taken to the Student Center. A \$15 fee will be assessed to the student's account.
- Students may ask for permission to use the school phone in the main office or Student Center at any time, should the child need to reach a parent or guardian.
- At no time should students be filming, taking pictures of other students, accessing inappropriate websites and/or social media sites on any electronic device while at school. Digital citizenship will be monitored and enforced.

In accordance with CCISD safety procedures, to keep the phone lines open, students are prohibited from using all telecommunications devices in an emergency, unless authorized by a teacher or staff member.