

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONICS

SMA Prep does not allow cadets to have in their possession during the school day: cell phones, iPods, speakers, smartwatches, cameras, thumb (USB) drives, or ANY other electronic or media storage device. Cadets are strongly discouraged from bringing any of these devices to school. However, if a student must have a cell phone or other device for use before and/or after school, they are prohibited from using it once they arrive on campus or before they depart.

Cadets who bring a cell phone, electronic, or media storage device to school must store it in their backpack or book bag. SMA Prep is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or broken cell phones, electronic/media devices, or other valuables brought from home.

Cadets who have cell phones or other electronic devices in their personal possession (outside of their backpack) and/or turned on while on campus without prior special permission from an educator or administrator, will have the item(s) confiscated and held until a parent can sign and collect from the assistant head of school or designated personnel. Depending on the circumstances of the situation, cadets may be subject to additional disciplinary action.

Although we value and encourage the use of technology to support learning in our programs, we find that cell phones and other personal electronic devices in the possession of cadets are disruptive to the learning environment unless incorporated for use within a specific program or assignment. Cadets who have these devices in their possession are often tempted to use them at some point during the school day for purposes unrelated to learning which poses numerous potential disruptions. Use of cell phones, cameras, and texting devices has been linked to increased safety violations, cheating, invasion of privacy, bullying, and other security issues. Additionally, the time and energy it takes away from educators and staff to monitor these situations is detrimental to the achievement of our educational goals.

SUPPLIES

A list of necessary supplies is available at the beginning of the school year. Teachers may also provide a wish list for their classrooms, and we greatly appreciate all families that are able to contribute extra supplies or donate funds. Cadets are responsible for the cost of replacing lost or damaged workbooks, textbooks, library books, folders, planners, or other supplies.

- Lost or damaged cadet planners must be replaced through the front office (\$5).
- Planners (agenda books) may not be shared; writing on the cover is prohibited

Headphones/Earbuds/Independent Reading Books: In good working order are mandatory supplies for students to have with them every day in order to be prepared for class. Failure to do so may result in an infraction.