

Electronic Equipment Policy

Somerset High School will adhere to the following BUSD policy regarding cell phones:

The Bellflower Unified School District Board of Education has approved Board Policy 5131.8 in alignment with State Legislation AB 272 and AB 3216 to limit or prohibit the use of mobile communication device by students while at school or while students are under the supervision and control of an employee or employees of the school district.

During instructional periods, devices **may not** be used or displayed and must:

- remain stored out of sight turned off or on silent, with notifications disabled
- not be used as electronic listening or recording device without prior consent of the teacher and principal. Any pupil in violation shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Electronic Listening or Recording Device – EC 51512

Students may use mobile devices in the following instances:

- During an emergency or response to a perceived threat of danger.
- When a teacher or administrator grants permission for a specific learning objective.
- When a licensed physician or surgeon determines the possession or use is necessary for the student's health and well-being. (ex. diabetic student with blood sugar monitoring app)
- When the possession or use is required by the student's IEP.
- During designated non-instructional times, such as before/after school, snack, lunch and breaks, as defined by the site principal or designee.

Inappropriate use of cell phones will be considered a violation of school rules and appropriate consequences will be issued.

Mobile Devices (not an exhaustive list) Include:

PDS
Tablets

MP3 players
Apple watches, glasses, etc.

Personal game devices
Headphones, Airpods, etc.

Consequence for Misuse:

Students not adhering to the mobile device policy will be issued consequences.

Continual disregard for the school mobile device policy will be considered an act of defiance and appropriate consequences will be issued. Consequences may include, but are not limited to:

- Immediate confiscation of the device and parent notification.
- Confiscation of the device, parent notification, and detention.
- Confiscation of the device, parent notification, and loss of privilege as designated by administration.
- Confiscation of the device, parent notification, and parent/guardian required to pick the device at the office.

Confiscated devices will be securely stored until returned to the student, handed to an administrator or designee, or given directly to the student's parent or guardian, as appropriate. The district will not be responsible for any device that is lost, stolen, or damaged while on campus or at a school activity.