

Mobile Device Use - Elementary

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.

Mobile devices **may not** be used or displayed on campus and must:

- Be stored out of sight
- Be turned off or on silent with notifications disabled
- Not be used during the entire instructional day or while participating in school activities

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.

Students may not use a mobile device as an 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

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 referral notice.
- Confiscation of the device, parent notification, and loss of privilege as designated by the administration.
- Confiscation of the device, parent notification, and the parent/guardian required to pick up the device at the office.

Confiscated devices will be securely stored until returned to the student, handed to the 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.