

Mobile Communication Device Policy

Mobile Communication Devices: SP 5131.8 Yuba County Office of Education (YCOE)

YCCPCS/YCOE recognizes that the use of smartphones and other mobile communication devices on campus may be beneficial to student learning and well-being but could be disruptive of the instructional program in some circumstances.

YCOE permits limited use of mobile communication devices on campus in accordance with law and the following policy: Students may use cell phones, smart watches, pagers, or other mobile communication devices on campus during noninstructional time as long as the device is utilized in accordance with law and any rules that individual school sites may impose. **Mobile communication devices shall be turned off during instructional time.** However, a student shall not be prohibited from possessing or using a mobile communication device under any of the following circumstances: (Education Code 48901.5, 48901.7) 1. In the case of an emergency, or in response to a perceived threat of danger 2. When a teacher or administrator grants permission to the student to possess or use a mobile communication device, subject to any reasonable limitation imposed by that teacher or administrator. 3. When a licensed physician or surgeon determines that the possession or use is necessary for the student's health and well-being. 4. When the possession or use is required by the student's individualized education program Smartphones and other mobile communication devices shall not be used in any manner which infringes on the privacy rights of any other person. When a school official reasonably suspects that a search of a student's mobile communication device will turn up evidence of the student's violation of the law or school rules, such a search shall be conducted in accordance with SP/AR 5145.12 - Search and Seizure.

When a student uses a mobile communication device in an unauthorized manner, the student may be disciplined and a YCOE employee may confiscate the device. The employee shall store the device securely until it is returned to the student or turned over to the principal or designee, as appropriate. A student may also be subject to discipline, in accordance with law, superintendent policy, or administrative regulation, for off-campus use of a mobile communication device which poses a threat or danger to the safety of students, staff, or district property or substantially disrupts school activities. The Superintendent or designee shall inform students that YCOE will not be responsible for a student's mobile communication device which is brought on campus or to a school activity and is lost, stolen, or damaged.

Both our dress code and mobile communication devices policies are in our Handbook for student/parents/guardians. Should you have any questions regarding these policies please feel free to reach out.