



ENCINA CELL PHONE POLICY ALIGNED TO SJUSD CELL PHONE POLICY



The California legislature passed a bill requiring all public schools to come up with a plan to limit or ban phones during the school day. The law requires districts to limit or ban students from using smartphones on campus or while students are under the supervision of school staff.

San Juan Unified School District Board Policy

Board Policy Manual

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Regulation 5131.8: Mobile Communication Devices

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To support student learning and reduce harmful or disruptive acts of the instructional program. Board Policy (BP) 5131.8 prohibits student use of mobile communication devices

Mobile communication devices include but are not limited to cellphones, smartphones, tablets, pagers, smartwatches, earbuds and smart glasses.

ENCINA HIGH SCHOOL POLICY:

In an effort to minimize the disruptions that personal electronic devices cause on campus, students will turn their cell phones in at the start of class. Additionally, students will not be allowed to use headphones or earbuds during class time. Students will put their phones in cell phone storage lockers at the start of class and collect them at the end of the period. Students will be able to use their phones during passing periods and during lunch. Any phones seen out during class time, either in the classroom or elsewhere on campus, will be confiscated and the student will be subjected to progressive disciplinary action.

Research shows that even the presence of a cell phone can be distracting and have negative consequences for students, such as reduced focus in class, mental health issues, and decreased academic performance. By eliminating the use of devices and their effects during the school day, Encina High School aims to enhance learning and engagement for every student. This policy underscores Encina's Vision Statement, ensuring a strong sense of belonging and safety while fostering hope, independence, and critical thinking.

Thank you in advance for your support as we continue to work on providing a safe learning environment and maximizing learning.

PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE POLICY:

- Students are expected to be respectful, responsible, and safe when using their electronic devices during designated times on campus.
- Electronic devices must be always out of sight in the classroom setting. This includes ear buds, headphones and speakers.
- Ringers need to be off or on silent at all times in the classroom.

1st Violation:

- Phone is taken to the office for the remainder of the school day.
- Student can retrieve phone from the Vice Principal office after school.

2nd Violation:

- Phone is taken to the office for the remainder of the school day.
- Student can retrieve phone from the Vice Principal office after school.
- Student conference with the Vice Principal.

3rd Violation:

- Phone is taken to the office for the remainder of the school day.
- Student can retrieve phone from the Vice Principal office after school.
- Parent conference with the Vice Principal.

4th Violation and Beyond:

- Phone is taken to the office for the remainder of the school day.
- Parent must pick up the phone. The phone will not be released to the student.
- Student will be added to the Cell Phone Buddy List for 1 week (student will drop off phone to the Vice Principal office at the start of the school day and can retrieve it after school.)

This electronics policy is **RESPECTFUL** of your teachers and fellow students because it allows for instruction and learning in the classroom without distractions. It is important to respect your teachers' instruction and the learning of your fellow students.

This electronics policy helps you to be **RESPONSIBLE** because it allows you to be focused in class and ready to learn and participate. It also helps you to be **RESPONSIBLE** for your valuable items because phones that are put away are less likely to be stolen or damaged. Encina staff are NOT responsible for lost or stolen electronics.

Most importantly, this electronics policy contributes to the **safety** on campus.