

Woodcreek High School Personal Device Policy

Woodcreek staff have collectively worked to create a site-level plan to ensure students have access to the best educational experience. Limiting phone and non-educational electronic device use in classrooms is key to an environment free from distractions. **Therefore, the use of personal devices is allowed only before/after school, lunch, passing period, or under the direction of a classroom teacher. Phones are strictly prohibited from use in any school restroom or locker room.** We ask that families partner with us in our effort to protect valuable learning time.

For our purposes, “personal device” will include the following: all smart phones, earbuds, headphones, smart watches, and/or any other device causing a distraction.

Upon entrance into the classroom, students must put all personal devices away as directed by the teacher.

Students will utilize a teacher-provided system for storing personal devices in a safe classroom location during instructional time. This may be a classroom device caddy or similar routine wherein students place their device in a designated slot or box and retrieve it at the end of the period, during class when authorized by the classroom teacher, or in the event of an emergency.

*Appropriate accommodations will be made with individual students as needed for IEP/504 and medical needs (ie. blood sugar monitoring app).

Infraction #1-2: Teacher/Staff prompts the student to put the device away. Email is sent home to notify parent/guardian of violation pre-referral submitted.

Infraction #3-5: Teacher referral to intervention to see admin. Student will be assigned detention. Admin contact parent/guardian.

Infraction #6+: Repeated violations will result in student discipline such as being placed on the no-go list for events, work service, conference with administration, parent conference, and/or other type of discipline.

Behavior Referral: Non-compliance or classroom disruption associated with the infraction may result in a referral to an administrator.

Woodcreek is not responsible for lost, stolen, and/or damaged electronic devices; students who bring an electronic device to school do so at their own risk.

In the event of needing to contact a student immediately during class time, a parent/guardian may contact the office directly.

This policy is in accordance with the state of California adopted Assembly Bill 272 in July of 2019. The bill declares that there is growing evidence that unrestricted use of smartphones by students during the school day interferes with the educational mission of schools; lowers pupil performance, promotes cyberbullying; and contributes to an increase in teenage anxiety,

depression, and suicide. The bill further encourages local agencies to adopt policies to address cell phone use in schools. RJUHSD has a Board Policy that aligns with AB 272.

[RJUHSD Board policy BP 5131.8](#)

[California Ed Code § 48901.7](#)