



Electronic Device (Wireless) & Internet Use Policy

Glendale Elementary School District (GESD) is committed to providing a safe, positive, and productive learning environment for all students. GESD recognizes that, depending on how they are used, cellular telephones and other wireless communication devices can serve as valuable learning tools or become sources of disruption. To maintain a secure and orderly learning environment, student possession and use of these devices shall be subject to the limitations set forth in this policy.

This policy governs GESD student use of school-provided internet and personal or district-issued wireless communication devices (e.g., cell phones, Chromebooks, iPads, earbuds, smartwatches, etc.) during the school day – defined as any time students are on campus including classroom time, passing periods, lunch and recess, – consistent with Arizona House bill 2484

Students may possess cellular telephones and other wireless communication devices on school property and on school-sponsored transportation, provided they adhere to all the guidelines outlined below. Any unauthorized use during the instructional school day, or at times not authorized by a supervising teacher or administrator, is prohibited as it disrupts the instructional program and detracts from the educational environment.

The student who possesses an electronic device shall assume responsibility for its care. Any student who brings a wireless communication device to school does so at their own risk and is personally responsible for the security of the device. Neither school personnel nor GESD shall assume responsibility for the loss, theft, damage, or unauthorized use of any device brought onto school property. GESD does not have the authority to require reimbursement for the loss or damage of any personal property.

A. Definitions

School Day means all times students are on campus – including non-instructional periods, (transitions, meals, recess, *to/from school on a school bus*).

Social Media Platform means any website, application, or other digital platform used for social networking or content sharing or gaming (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Tik Tok, Discord)

Wireless Communication Device means any personal or district-issued device capable of data transmission/reception (e.g., cell phones, Chromebooks, laptops, iPads, earbuds, smartwatches)

B. Permitted Uses

Wireless devices must remain turned off and out-of-sight (e.g., in a backpack) during the entire school day (including all passing periods, lunch and recess times), unless exempted below. Devices may be used **ONLY** under the following conditions:

Educational Use - Devices may be used only with explicit teacher-authorized permission that support instruction. Students may not use devices to text, call, play games, or engage in other non-instructional activities.

Emergency Situations - to report or respond to emergencies and with staff permission prior

to using the device. Exceptions may be made in the event of an immediate safety concern.

Medical Needs - students with documented medical conditions or Individualized Education Plans or 504 Plans (IEPs or 504s) requiring device access.

C. Restrictions

The use of wireless communication devices in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Creating, sending, receiving, or possessing indecent visual material.
- Engaging in academic dishonesty.
- Taking photographs or videos in restrooms.

D. Contact with Parent/Legal Guardian

Students may contact their parent or guardian during the school day only with express permission from a teacher or staff member.

If a student needs to contact their parent or guardian during the school day, they may:

- a) Ask to use a school phone or get permission from a staff member to briefly use their own device in the office.
- b) Use a school-provided landline to place the call.

Parents who need to contact their student during the school day should call the school's front office. School personnel will facilitate communication with the student as appropriate.

E. Consequence for Non-Compliance

Students who fail to follow the restrictions established by the school and GESD regarding the use of wireless communication devices will be subject to discipline under GESD's Behavior Matrix and the school's Behavior Flowchart.

GESD is not responsible for the loss, damage and/or theft of a student's personal wireless communication device.

Parent-Student Electronic Device Acknowledgment Receipt

Student Name (please print) _____ Grade Level _____

Teacher Name (please print) _____

The signatures below indicate:

I will support and follow the Electronic Device expectations outlined in this document.

I will take time to review and discuss with my child(ren) the Electronic Device expectations.

_____ Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ Student Signature _____ Date