Venango Technology Center Electronic Device Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe, productive, and distraction-free learning environment that supports student achievement and workplace readiness. Personal electronic devices can interfere with instruction and, in certain program areas, create significant safety hazards.

Prohibited Devices During Instructional Time

Students are prohibited from possessing, using, or accessing personal electronic devices during instructional time. Prohibited devices include, but are not limited to:

Cell phones
Smart watches
Smart glasses
Earbuds
AirPods
Other wireless or internet-connected personal devices

Storage of Devices

Students are required to secure all personal electronic devices in the designated storage area provided in each classroom or laboratory before instruction begins. Devices must remain secured until authorized by the instructor or until the end of the instructional period.

Medical Exceptions

Students who require access to a personal electronic device for documented medical reasons must provide written documentation from a licensed physician specifying the need for the device.
Students granted a medical exception may use the device only for its approved medical purpose. Use of the device for non-medical reasons will be considered a violation of this policy and will result in disciplinary action.

Violations and Consequences

First Offense

Students will be referred to the office. A warning will be issued. Parent/guardian will be notified.

Second Offense

Students will receive a Level II disciplinary referral in accordance with the Venango Technology Center Student Discipline Code.

Repeated Violations

The device will be confiscated and held until it is picked up by a parent or guardian. The student will also receive a Level II disciplinary referral in accordance with the Venango Technology Center Student Discipline Code.

Additional Considerations

Students are responsible for the security of their personal electronic devices. Venango Technology Center assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged devices brought to school. Administration reserves the right to modify enforcement procedures as necessary to maintain a safe and effective educational environment.