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## **Policy #451**

### **Cellphone/Electronic Device Policy**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to explain LIFE Prep's Cell Phone and Electronic Policy in school

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

This policy establishes guidelines for Cell Phone and Electronic devices at LIFE Prep School.

#### **II. GENERAL Cell Phone & Electronic Device Information**

At LIFE Prep, we have a No Cell Phone and Electronics policy. Cell phones and personal devices will not be allowed during school hours (6:30 am - 3:15 pm).

Here are our expectations:

1. All personal phones and electronics (gaming devices, ipads, headphones, earbuds, etc) are not allowed to be used during school hours.
2. They are to remain at home, or in lockers. Students are not allowed to carry their phones or electronics on them.
3. Phones and electronics will be collected and left in the office if there is repeated use. A parent /guardian will need to come to school to pick the phone/electronic device up.

## **WHY DON'T WE ALLOW CELL-PHONES IN CLASS/LUNCH/BATHROOMS/HALLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?**

1. We prioritize real human interaction. We believe that learning the skills of in-person communication and collaboration are much more important. This generation has grown up with computers and cell phones. Students are already good at using electronics -- they do not need social media practice or gaming practice at school. One of the most important skills our students will learn at LIFE Prep School is how to get along and work well, face-to-face, with a variety of people.
2. Electronics are disruptive. Cell phones ringing and buzzing disrupt both the student and the class. We want students focused on the lesson, not who's calling or texting them.
3. They cause drama. Students tend to say things online that they would never say out loud. We don't need extra drama at school.
4. They get lost or stolen. Unfortunately, as wonderful as our LIFE Prep students are, electronics items are lost or stolen. They are attractive items. While we try to help students problem-solve, the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
5. They are addicting. This generation of students is struggling to learn to think and stay busy with just their own thoughts. Managing boredom without tools or toys is an important life skill that we have little opportunity to practice when the phone is always present. We want our students to be fully present and experience all that school has to offer.

\*We ask parents/guardians to not only review these expectations but also to help out by not texting or contacting your student during the school day. Ideally all necessary communication should occur before and after school. In the event of an emergency, please call the main office, 651-793-6624 and we will get a message to your student as soon as possible. If a student needs to contact a parent, they can ask for a pass to use the phone in the office.

### **Cell Phone and Electronic Procedures**

In the event that a student does not respect their teacher's instructions for phone use in class OR they engage in prohibited uses of their phone in school, the following will apply:

**1st Reminder:** A verbal warning will be given to the student by their classroom teacher. Reminding them of our policy and to put the device away.

**2nd Reminder:** The cell phone/electronic device will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Needs to be picked up in the Administration Suite.

**3rd Reminder:** The cell phone/electronic device will need to be picked up by the parent/guardian.

\*A parent/guardian may contact an administrator and make an appointment to collect their child's cell phone/electronic device at any time.