

Smoky Hill High School Cell Phone/Electronic Communication Device Policy

Teaching students to use technology safely and appropriately continues to be part of everyday learning. However, cell phones not utilized for academic purposes have proven to be a distraction in the classroom and a barrier to the learning process. We are actively working to improve students' academic achievement and scholastic engagement, which has led to the implementation of this policy. This policy will be implemented with the consideration of students, staff, and parents and with student learning at the forefront. Cherry Creek School District has provided every student with a laptop and charging device. Thus, cell phones should not be used for academic purposes unless authorized by the classroom teacher.

SHHS Expectations: Each teacher will clearly communicate the cell phone/ECD policy throughout their classroom and syllabus. All teachers will identify a location within their classroom where students will place their phones during unauthorized times (wall holders, backpacks, or other clearly specified areas). The student must ensure that the device is turned off and out of sight during unauthorized times. Students can use their cell phones during authorized times ONLY. This includes academic purposes (teacher discretion), passing periods, lunch, and off-periods.

Emergency Expectations: We understand that during the school day, there are moments when you or your student will need to be in contact. In a non-emergency situation, please be aware that your student cannot text/call you back immediately until an authorized time. If you need to contact your student for an emergency reason, please contact the Front Main Office at 720-886-5441, and we will promptly assist in communication.

District-Issued Devices: It is the expectation that all students will have their district-issued computer and charger for class each day to access electronic educational materials. Cell phones can only be used for academic purposes directed explicitly by the teacher.

Consequences: Violating this policy and/or use that violates any other district policy will result in disciplinary measures and confiscation of the electronic communication device by the school administration. Confiscated devices shall be returned to the student only after a conference with the parent/guardian, student, and school personnel. Smoky Hill High School shall not be responsible for the security and safekeeping of these items and is not financially responsible for any loss, theft, or destruction of electronic communication devices brought to school by a student or confiscated by a school employee for violation of this policy governing the acceptable use of such devices. Any damage to the equipment is the responsibility of the individual.

Consequence Guide: Student use of Phone/ECD during unauthorized time:

1st violation- Classroom teacher gives 1 warning and phone is to be placed in the designated area.

2nd violation- Deans conference, loss of phone for the rest of the day.

3rd violation- Deans conference, loss of phone for the rest of the day, Parent picks up phone; AEC (Academic Engagement Center) for 90 minutes.

4th violation- Deans conference, loss of phone for the rest of the day, SS (Saturday School), parent picks up phone.

5th violation- Deans conference, loss of phone for the rest of the day, parent picks up phone, Full Day ISS.