



STUDENT SMARTPHONE USE POLICY

The Allegiance STEAM Academy Board of Directors recognizes that unrestricted use of smartphones by students during the school day may interfere with the educational mission of school; lower pupil performance, particularly among low-achieving pupils; promote cyberbullying; and contribute to an increase in teenage anxiety, depression and suicide.

Therefore, in accordance with California Education Code section 48901.7, ASA prohibits the use of smartphone by students during the school day and during school-sanctioned events with the exceptions of the circumstances described herein.

A student shall not be prohibited from possessing or using a smartphone under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) In the case of an emergency, or in response to a perceived threat of danger.
- (2) When a teacher or administrator...grants permission to a pupil to possess or use a smartphone...
- (3) When a licensed physician and surgeon determines that the possession or use of a smartphone is necessary for the health or well-being of the pupil.
- (4) When the possession or use of a smartphone is required in a pupil's individualized education program.

Student Responsibilities

All smartphones and other electronic devices are to be turned off and placed in backpacks or designated classroom storage once students arrive on campus. Smartphones are not to be taken out of backpacks or designated storage until school is dismissed. There is to be no smartphone use, including text messaging during class time, recess, lunch and/or on campus.

ASA students who bring smartphones to school ASA does not require any pupil to bring a smartphone to school or school-sanctioned event. Smartphones are the sole responsibility of the student and parent/guardian, who assume the risk for personal devices brought to school. ASA accepts no responsibility for either the security of or the data residing on the device. ASA employees will not support, repair or troubleshoot personal devices. If a personal device is lost,

stolen, or damaged, it will be treated the same way as other personal belongings. ASA will not pay any charges or fees from cellular service providers incurred as a result of student use of personal devices at school.

Discipline

If a student is caught using a smartphone or other electronic device during school hours that is prohibited with the exceptions of the circumstances described above, the following procedures will follow:

First Offense: Student is reminded of school policy and warned of consequences.

Second Offense: Item is confiscated, parent notified, and item given to Administration. Student may pick the item up at the end of the school day.

Third Offense: Item confiscated and parent notified. Parent must pick up the item.

More than Three Offenses: Item confiscated and parent notified. Parent conference will be held to determine other means of correction.

Additionally, the procedures described in the Student Conduct and Student Discipline Policies are applicable should this policy be violated.