

# LRSD Code of Conduct, Character, and Support

## PHMS

### Secondary 6-12 Cell Phone Policy

Secondary age students are permitted to have cell phones on all LRSD campuses. The cell phone must remain in the off position when not being used, unless given supervised permission by LRSD staff/teacher for personal calls and/or instructional purposes.

Failure to the cell phone policy could result in;

1st Violation- Warning and documentation by staff

2nd Violation- Parent Notification/Compliance letter to parent

3rd Violation- Subject to LRSD Policy (Rule 33) Repeated violation of Cat.2 Offense.

Note: Cell phones and/or electronic devices may be confiscated by LRSD administration and/or LRPD when involved in a formal investigation or discipline matter.

Students are responsible for conducting themselves in a manner that respects the rights of others. Possession and use of any electronic device, whether district or student owned, that interferes with a positive, orderly classroom environment does not respect the rights of others and is expressly forbidden.

To protect the security of statewide assessments, no electronic device, as defined in this policy, shall be accessible by a student at any time during assessment administration unless specifically permitted by a student's individualized education program (IEP) or individual health plan;<sup>1</sup> this means that when a student is taking an AESAA assessment, the student shall not have his/her electronic device in his/her possession. Any student violating this provision shall be subject to this policy's disciplinary provisions.

As used in this policy, "electronic devices" means anything that can be used to transmit or capture images, sound, or data.

Misuse of electronic devices includes, but is not limited to:

1. Using electronic devices during class time in any manner other than specifically permitted by the classroom instructor;
2. Permitting any audible sound to come from the device when not being used for reason #1 above;
3. Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, or wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores;
4. Using the device to record audio or video or to take photographs in areas where a general expectation of personal privacy exists, including but not limited to locker rooms and bathrooms;
5. Creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person.

## Possession and Use of Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices

Cell phones and other electronic devices may serve as an outstanding instructional tool and learning resource, if used appropriately. Staff members and students are encouraged to use electronic devices to supplement instruction and learning. In order to preserve the teaching and learning environment with cell phones and other electronic devices, the following apply:

- Cell phones and other electronic devices may be used for educational purposes in the classroom setting at the discretion of the teacher.
- **Cell phones and other electronic devices may be used for non-educational purposes in the morning before the tardy bell, during lunch and after school.**
- Cell phones must be turned off at the sound of the tardy bell.
- Cell Phones and other electronic devices must be stored in a location that is **not visible** by staff, other students (purse, backpack, and locker).
- If the cell phone or other electronic device rings, vibrates, is visible during instruction time or class changes, or if caught using a cell phone, **a staff member has the right to turn the device off immediately when requested.**
- The use of a cell phone or other electronic device to *photograph or video other students or employees is forbidden* on campus and could result in a consequence up to and including **expulsion.**
- If assigned to the In School Suspension Program, the ISSP teacher will require all cell phones and electronic devices to be powered off during the school day.

Any student in possession of a cell phone or other electronic devices that violates the rules or exhibits other inappropriate behavior, the student will receive a disciplinary sanction according to the Student Handbook. An adult listed on the Pupil Information Form or designated by the parent, may pick up the cell phone or electronic device by the end of the school day. The adult must present identification, and a copy of the ID will remain on file in the main office