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Electronic Device Policy

This policy was approved by the American Academy Board of Directors on December 17, 2019.

Purpose

While the learning environment can be significantly enhanced by the use of electronic devices in an educational context, certain electronic devices can be a negative distraction to the classroom. American Academy's technology emphasis encourages student use of, and curiosity about, electronic devices in general.

Devices Permitted in Classrooms

The following devices may be used in the classroom, **for academic purposes**, with teacher oversight. Other devices may be used in the classroom for specific purposes as directed by the teacher. Staff members have the right to request that use of any electronic device be discontinued immediately.

- School laptops
- School iPads
- Kindles and other electronic reading devices*

Devices Permitted Outside Classrooms During Non-Academic Times

The following devices may be used during non-class time such as in the halls during morning carpool, indoor recess, or during locker breaks. These devices may only be used during afternoon carpool with a teacher's permission.

- Kindles and other electronic reading devices*

Devices Not Permitted

The following personal devices may not be used during AA business hours (7:30 am – 4:30 pm) without specific permission by a staff member. If students choose to bring any of these devices to school, they must remain in their backpack or locker and turned off.

- Cell Phones (use permitted after 3:35 pm for communication)
- iPads or other tablets
- Air Pods (or any Bluetooth ear buds)
- Internet, cellular, or Bluetooth-enabled smart watches (use permitted after 3:35 pm for communication)
- MP3 Players, iPod Touches, iPods, or other music devices
- Any device that is used to play a non-academic game
- Any device that connects to a cellular network

**No personal device will be allowed to use AA internet connectivity. Kindles may not be used to access the internet at school.*

Policy Violation

If a student is using a device that is not permitted or using any device inappropriately, the device will be confiscated and consequences will be implemented per the [Student Discipline Policy](#). Confiscated devices must be picked up at the office by a parent.

The school reserves the right to revoke electronic device privileges from any student for inappropriate use.

POLICY HISTORY

- Original:* approved by the BOD on February 15, 2012
- Revision 1:* approved by the BOD on June 13, 2012
- Revision 2:* approved by the BOD on May 15, 2013
- Revision 3:* approved by the BOD on January 12, 2016
- Revision 4:* approved by the BOD on February 21, 2017
- Revision 5:* approved by the BOD on December 17, 2019

SUMMARY OF REVISION 1

Tablets cannot be connected to the internet until they can be monitored.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 2

One-to-one program added.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 3

Use of personal computers eliminated.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 4

*Added non-academic time usage of devices guidelines
Added Smart Watches to list of prohibited devices*

SUMMARY OF REVISION 5

School-issued iPads allowed in classrooms

