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Electronic Device Policy

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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, however, during school hours device use will be limited to educational purposes.

Devices Permitted in Classrooms

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

- School laptops
- Personal laptops with LanSchool installed and enabled per the [Computer Monitoring Policy](#)
- iPads (wireless only), or other tablets with LanSchool installed and enabled
- Kindles and other electronic reading devices*

Devices Permitted outside Classrooms

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 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.

- 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 (i.e. iPad with 3G)
- Cell Phones

**No device will be allowed to use AA internet connectivity that does not have LanSchool installed. 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 and signed out by a parent.

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

POLICY HISTORY

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