

STUDENTSCELL PHONE POLICY

The Governing Board recognizes that the use of smartphones and other mobile communication devices on campus may be beneficial to student learning and well-being, but could be disruptive of the instructional program in some circumstances. The Board permits limited use of mobile communication devices on campus only under specific circumstances based on grade level and in accordance with law and the following policy.

Students shall not be prohibited from possessing or using a mobile communication device under any of the following circumstances (Education Code 48901.5, 48901.7)

1. In the case of an emergency or response to a perceived threat of danger.
2. When a teacher or administrator grants permission for a specific educational learning objective.
3. When a licensed physician or surgeon determines that the possession or use is necessary for the student's health and well-being.
4. When the possession or use is required by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

**Elementary and Middle School Students:**

To ensure that CNUSD schools remain focused on academics, positive social interactions and to reduce unnecessary distractions, the use of personal cell phones, earbuds, smartwatches, and other smart devices is strictly prohibited during the school day at elementary schools and middle schools.

Cell Phones and all mobile devices must be silenced or turned off during the school day and placed in the student's backpack, locker, pocket, or other storage system.

**High School Students:**

High school students may use personal cell phones, earbuds, smartwatches, and other smart devices on campus during non-instructional time (lunches and passing periods) as long as the device is utilized in accordance with law and any rules that individual school sites may impose. During instructional time, cell phones must be silenced or turned off and placed in the student's backpack, locker, pocket, or other storage system.

Smartphones and other mobile communication devices shall not be used in any manner that infringes on the privacy rights of any other person.

When a school official reasonably suspects that a search of a student's mobile communication device will turn up evidence of the student's violation of the law or school rules, such a search shall be conducted in accordance with BP/AR 5145.12 - Search and Seizure.

When a student uses a mobile communication device in an unauthorized manner, the student may be disciplined, and a District employee may confiscate the device. The employee shall store the device securely until it is returned to the student or turned over to the principal or designee, as appropriate.

A student may also be subject to discipline, in accordance with law (California Education Code 48900), Board policy, or administrative regulation, for off-campus use of a mobile communication device that poses a threat or danger to the safety of students, staff, or district property or substantially disrupts school activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students that the district is not responsible for a student's mobile communication device that is brought on campus or to a school activity and is lost, stolen, or damaged.

#### Legal References:

##### EDUCATION CODE

48900 (r) Engaging in bullying through electronic devices

48901.5 Electronic Devices

48901.7 Cyberbullying

51512 Electronic Recording Devices

##### PENAL CODE

422 Criminal Threats

647 Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; punishment

653.2 Electronic Communication devices, threats to safety

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## CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### STUDENTS

#### CELL PHONE POLICY

The Corona-Norco Unified School District's Board of Education is legally and ethically responsible for the establishment of classroom and campus environments that are conducive to an orderly and productive educational program. It is the intention of CNUSD to maximize the potential of all students by ensuring that instructional time is focused and free from distractions. To achieve this, CNUSD has implemented the following cell phone policy.

The following minimum standards shall be enforced in the Corona-Norco Unified School District in order to meet the requirements of the California Code of Regulations regarding cell phones on school campuses.

#### **Expectations**

##### **A. Elementary/Middle School Students:**

1. Upon entering the school, students will turn off or silence their cell phones, earbuds, smartwatches, and other smart devices and put them away in their backpacks or storage devices.

##### **B. High School Students:**

1. When entering the classroom, students will turn off or silence and put away their cell phones, earbuds and other smart devices.
2. Students are not to have their phones out while walking through the hallway during class time.
3. Students are not to have their cellphones out of their backpacks or on their person when using the restroom

##### **C. Progressive Interventions for Cell Phone/Smart Device Violations:**

1. **First Offense** – The teacher will address the student directly and communicate with the parent/guardian via email or phone call to inform them of the repeated violation. Students will reflect on proper use expectations through a brief conversation or written acknowledgment.
2. **Second Offense** – The teacher will document the incident and refer the matter to administration. The administration will meet with the student to discuss the impact of their actions and require the student to complete a reflection activity or

assignment related to responsible cell phone use. The parent/guardian will be notified of the violation and next steps.

3. **Third Offense** – Parent/Student Meeting. The administration will develop a plan with parents and students regarding the cell phones on campus (i.e. check-in/checkout or storage system). The administration may implement additional consequences.

**Parent Notification of Student Cell Phone Policy:**

The Parent/Student Handbook shall be provided to each student at the beginning of the school year and any student upon enrollment after the beginning of the school year.