

# Pioneer High School

## Personal Electronic Devices

### Expectations and Procedures

#### OUR "REASONS WHY"

- We care about **YOUR LEARNING!**

We care about your learning. Schools exist to help you learn. Research is clear that when you are distracted you learn less. Even just the presence of your device may cause you to split your attention between learning and "social hyper-responsiveness" or the "Fear of Missing Out" (FOMO).

- We care about **YOUR WELL-BEING!**

We care about your mental health and emotional well-being. We have the opportunity to make classrooms free of social competition, put-downs, and online harassment. You cannot participate fully in learning if you feel pressured, judged, or socially anxious.

#### OUR EXPECTATIONS

- Students **will not use** personal electronic devices during class time, **at all**. That means from the moment you walk in the door of a classroom or other learning space until the moment you leave. You may use your device before school, during passing times, at lunch, and after school. (By "personal electronic device," we mean any electronic device not provided by the school, including smart phones, tablets, smartwatches, gaming devices, etc.)
- Students may use earbuds or headphones to listen to music through their Chromebooks or Chromeboxes, but only during class times specifically designated as being for independent online work. **Students may not use their phones to listen to music.**
- Students may not have earbuds in their ears or headphones on their heads when they are in a direct instruction class (like math or English) unless the teacher specifically says otherwise. A student listening to music during independent online work must still leave **one ear unobstructed**, with no ear bud in or headphone speaker covering the ear.

#### OUR PROCEDURES

- Every classroom or learning space has a cell phone wall organizer and a charging station. The teacher may easily monitor both the organizer and the charging station.

- The teacher will encourage and invite you to store your device safely during class. This will help reduce any inclination you may have to access your device.
- You may choose to store your device in your purse or backpack. **You may not store it on your person**, e.g., in your front pants pocket. Your device must be out of sight, in a separate carrier.
- The consequences for accessing your phone during class time are immediate, but they vary depending on where you choose to store your phone:
  - If you choose to keep your phone in a purse or backpack and violate the no-use policy, your teacher will direct you to take your phone to the front office, where the secretary will store it for you in a locked container until the end of the school day. You may pick up your phone at that time. We will also notify your parent/guardian, so that they will know that you do not have access to your phone for the rest of the day. Your parent or guardian may also pick up the phone at any time.
  - If you refuse to turn your phone into the front office, you will receive one day of in-school suspension at CCHS for the following day. For any further violations, your parent/guardian will be required to pick up your phone.
  - If you choose to store your phone in the wall organizer or charger and violate the no-use policy, you will be required to turn your phone into the front office, but you will be allowed to retrieve it during the break at the end of the class period. If you refuse to turn your phone into the front office, you will spend the remainder of that day in in-school suspension.

***I have read and understood this policy document covering the use of personal electronic devices at Pioneer High School, including the consequences for violating the no-use policy. I agree to comply with the policy.***

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Student Signature

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Date

***I have read and understood this policy document covering the use of personal electronic devices at Pioneer High School, including the consequences for violating the no-use policy. I agree to support my child's compliance with the policy.***

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date