

CELL PHONE/ ELECTRONIC POLICY

Pursuant to Board Policy and California Educational Code, at Valley High School, cell phones are to remain in the off position during school hours. Unless given explicit directions for instructional purposes by full-time staff, cell phone usage is completely restricted on campus.

Cell phones and headphones must not be visible during class or during restroom breaks.

Cell phone use will be tolerated during the lunch period so long as they are not being used to create video or to play music without headphones. Use of cell phones during passing periods is discouraged.

At no time are cell phones permitted to be in use during class periods with guest teachers.

Class syllabi govern the norms inside each particular classroom. In the event the norms are not being followed in the classroom environment, the following actions are in place to curb cell phones becoming distractions in the classroom:

1st Offense: Teacher asks student to put cell phone/equipment away and documents on student record. Teacher calls home.

2nd Offense: Teacher refers student and cell phone/equipment to administrator. Administrator confiscates until end of day. Teacher and administrator calls home and documents on student record. Student may be require to complete a reflection assignment.

3rd Offense: Teacher refers student and cell phone/equipment to administrator. Administrator holds phone until parent is able to retrieve the phone and documents on student record. Administrative Conference with student and parent to discuss and review cell policy. This meeting may also include a short video. Student will be required to complete a reflection assignment.

If a student refuses to relinquish the cell phone/electronic device and/or headphones to a staff member when asked, that student will meet with an administrator and face possible Reflection Center Referral or Home Suspension.

Students who are not properly following cell phone policy put their property at risk. School officials are not responsible for condition of cell phone.

EGUSD Board Policy 5131.10: Electronic Signaling Devices (Cell Phones and Pagers)
“Students shall be permitted to use electronic signaling devices, such as cell phones and pagers, before and after school. Students shall be restricted from using electronic signaling devices, such as cell phones and pagers, during all instructional and passing times as well as during lunch periods, and from displaying and turning on electronic signaling devices while in their possession during non-operational/restricted use times unless deemed necessary on an individual basis and authorized by school administration.. The Superintendent or designee (Principal, Vice

Principal, Teacher-in-Charge) shall confiscate these devices from students whenever district policy is not followed.

Pursuant to California Education Code Section 51512, the use of any electronic listening or recording device in an educational setting without prior consent of the teacher and/or the principal is prohibited. Any pupil violating this section will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

California Education Code 48901.5: (a) The governing board of each school district, or its designee, may regulate the possess or use of any electronic signaling device that operates through the transmission or receipt of radio waves, including, but not limited to, paging and signaling equipment, by pupils of the school district while the pupils are on campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of school district employees. (b) No pupil shall be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic signaling device that is determined by a licensed physician and surgeon to be essential for the health of the pupil and use of which is limited to purposes related to the health of the pupil.

Electronic devices such as IPODs, MP3 players, video cameras, radios, electronic toys, laser pointers or any other electronic devices or games are not permitted at school at any time.

Use of Cameras, Videophone, or other Visual Recording Devices

There has been a variety of incidents at schools across the country involving inappropriate use of video recording devices. In an effort to be proactive, Valley is **prohibiting** the use of cameras, videophones, or other visual recording devices on campus or at school related activities. This policy, unlike our long standing Cell Phone and Electronic Equipment Policy, extends to the time before school, after school, at school related events (such as athletic events, dances, etc.) or at moments when the school and district's jurisdiction is enforced. This may include when a student is on another campus or to and from school. The only exceptions to this policy include when a student has permission from a staff member to appropriately utilize such devices. Examples include recording a sporting event for an athletic team or a prior approved classroom assignment. Violations of this policy could result in disciplinary actions.

The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen prohibited items.