



Casimir Middle School & Electronic Device Use Policy 2023

****Electronic Device** includes but is not limited to cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and airpods (wireless earbuds/ headphones).*

****School Day**: may include field trips and school-related off campus events.*

Maintaining the safety and integrity of the learning environment is our top priority.

- **All cell phones must be turned off when entering school and put away in lockers until exiting the school at the end of the school day; cell phone use shall cause no distraction or disruption.**
- **Cell phones must be out of sight on school grounds.**
- **No photo/ video anywhere/ anytime on campus without explicit permission from a teacher or administrator.**
- The only exception to the above policies is as follows: cell phones and tablets, used for instructional purposes will be permitted ONLY with the teacher's explicit permission and supervision.
- Fire drills, assemblies, or other school evacuations are considered cell phone blackouts.
- Students are not to wear airpods (wireless earbuds/ headphones) on campus.
- Students can use an iWatch for telling time purposes. If the iWatch is used to text/ call and creates a distraction and/ or disruption to student learning, it will be confiscated. Cell phones can Not be used to "check the time" while in school.
- In case of an emergency, if a student needs to contact a parent/ guardian or vice-versa during school hours, the contact can be made through the school office - all students in all classrooms, including PE can be reached at any time.
- If students have their phones out or are using their phones on campus, teachers/ staff will confiscate the phone, and it will be turned into the office.
- Electronic device charging is not allowed on campus.
- **Casimir is NOT responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal property.** We strongly encourage students to leave valuable property at home.

If a student is caught using an electronic device in violation of the rules, the following consequences will apply:

- ❖ **First Infraction** – Confiscation of the cell phone (electronic device) by school personnel. The device will be sent to a school administrator's office. Administrator will review this contract and the device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.
- ❖ **Second Infraction** – Confiscation of the electronic device by school personnel. The electronic device will be sent to a school administrator's office. Parent/ guardian will be notified by school personnel. Administrator will review this contract with the student and parent/ guardian and will return the device to a parent/guardian at the end of the school day.
- ❖ **Third Infraction** – Confiscation of the electronic device by school personnel. The device will be sent to a school administrator's office. Parent/ guardian will be notified by the school personnel. The device will be returned to a parent at the end of the school day. There will be a **revocation of electronic device privileges for the remainder of the school year.**

Certain infractions will result in students immediately losing the privilege to carry an electronic device on campus. This penalty will be decided by school administrators and includes, but is not limited to, infractions such as:

- Posting harmful and /or inappropriate material against students and/or any members of the school community
- Refusing to give the device to any school staff member who requests it
- Making threats against the school community

Please see the below TUSD Electronic Agreement that all students /families agreed to at the beginning of this school year.

**** During times of testing and other student evaluations, teachers may request that students remove their cell phone from their possession reducing the possibility of compromised test security.***

I, _____, have read and understand this electronic device policy and contract. I understand that possession of an electronic device on school campus is a privilege, and that it may be revoked at any time by the administration for violating the school policy as outlined above. Furthermore, I understand that the school and its employees are in no way responsible for any theft or damage of my electronic device while on school grounds. The school is not obligated to investigate the loss or damage of any electronic device.

Student Name (Please print) _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT CONTRACT

I, _____, have read and understand this electronic device policy and contract. I understand that my child's possession of an electronic device on school campus is a privilege, and that it may be revoked at any time by the administration for violating the school policy as outlined above. Furthermore, I understand that the school and its employees are in no way responsible for any theft or damage of my child's electronic device while on school grounds. The school is not obligated to investigate the loss or damage of any electronic device.

Parent/Guardian Name: (Please print)

Parent/guardian Signature:

_____ Date: _____