

## WPA Electronic Devices Rules

*Goal: Teach students responsibility with technology while maintaining the academic integrity of school and each child's safety.*

The use of electronic items (cellular phones, pagers, iPods, tablets etc.) is not permitted in the classrooms or hallways. Electronic devices should always be on silent while on school campus and kept inside of the student's backpack or locker during class time.

If a parent needs to reach you, they should call the front office and the front desk will get ahold of you.

Students may have their cellphones out for personal use only during recess—students are not to share the use of their cell phones with another student. All use of the cell phone must be school appropriate and visible at all times to the teachers and staff. Additionally, students are not to take pictures, videos, or sound clips of other students while on school property and in any way infringe on their privacy.

Headphones are not permitted at school at any time (including class time, recess time, lunch time, or in the hallways) unless a teacher gives permission for use.

For some field trips, personal electronic items (e.g., cell-phones, iPod's, other electronics with gaming/music capabilities) may be sometimes allowed on the bus ride to a destination. You will be notified in advance if such items are allowed. To prevent students from becoming distracted at the venues, personal items will be left on the bus once the students have arrived at field trip destinations.

Please note that Wasatch Peak Academy is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items brought to school or on field trips.

*1<sup>st</sup> offense:* Electronic device is taken and teacher brings device to Mrs. Pilkington. **Student** must retrieve the device from Mrs. Pilkington at the end of the day.

*2<sup>nd</sup> offense:* Electronic device is taken and teacher brings device to Mrs. Pilkington. **Parent** must retrieve the device from Mrs. Pilkington at the end of the day.

*3<sup>rd</sup> offense:* Electronic device is taken and teacher brings device to Mrs. Pilkington. Student/parent may retrieve the device from Mrs. Pilkington at the **end of the school year.**

# WPA Electronic Devices Rules Agreement

Please sign and return this form. ***Your signature indicates agreement with and acceptance of these rules.*** You may not bring any electronic device to school without this signed consent. Should you have any questions regarding these guidelines, feel free to ask Mrs. Pilkington.

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Student Name

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Name

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Parent Signature

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Date

#### Implementation:

- Cell Phone Procedure shared with all teachers and staff so the rules are enforced consistently amongst all teachers.
- Each teacher should read the rules with their homeroom and explain the consequences.
- The main culprit of improper cell phone use is recess time. Teachers can reduce this temptation for students by spreading themselves out on the field and moving around in order to monitor all aspects of the field.
- Additionally, students tend to go on their cell phones when they are bored. However, we can make recess more fun and engaging thus reducing the want to use the cell phone.
- Procedures should be posted in each classroom for the students to reference. At least until this procedure is no longer new to them.

#### Re-evaluation:

- The policy should be re-evaluated before Winter Break (in preparation for the student's return in January) for edits and refinements.