

**Pioneer High School**  
**Personal Electronic Devices**  
**Expectations, Rules and Procedures**

**OUR “REASONS WHY”**

- We care about **YOUR LEARNING!**

We care about your academic progress. Schools exist to help you learn. Research is clear that you learn less when you are distracted. Even just the presence of your device may cause you to split your attention between learning and “social hyper-responsiveness,” also known as 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 AND RULES**

- Students do not use personal electronic devices during class time without staff permission. You may use your device before school, during passing times and scheduled breaks, 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 should 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 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 other ear. This is a safety issue, in case of an emergency.
- Students use their phones to help, not to hurt. Spreading harmful information about someone on social media could disrupt the learning environment and be regarded as harassment. Photographing or filming someone without their consent and posting those images to social media could also be regarded as harassment. Aside from being prohibited by school board policies, harassment is just not cool. And it could, in extreme cases, lead to suspension and/or expulsion from school.

**OUR PROCEDURES**

- Teachers may choose to provide scheduled “tech breaks” during the class period, to allow students to check their personal electronic devices (remember “FOMO” ...?)
- Students who fail to meet the expectations around use of personal electronic devices may receive a verbal or written reminder from a staff member. Repeat or extreme offenders may receive additional consequences including, but not limited to, a phone call to parents/guardians, a conference with an administrator, a referral, and loss of privileges.

***I have read and understood this document covering the use of personal electronic devices at Pioneer High School, including the consequences for not meeting expectations and violating the rules.***

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**