

CELLPHONE AND ELECTRONICS DEVICE POLICY

In order to decrease distractions to the learning environment, protect the privacy of each student, and minimize the potential for cheating the Children First Academy Phoenix (CFAP) has adopted the following policy:

CFAP allows the possession of telecommunication and electronic devices by students on campus during the regular school day subject to the following rules:

1. Telecommunication and electronic devices are defined as cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, or any similar device.
2. The device may NOT be kept on the student's person. This means that the device must be kept in a purse, backpack, etc. and it may NOT be held by the student or kept in his or her clothes or clothing pockets. Further, the device must be kept out of sight at all times.
3. During the school day (defined as the time between a student's arrival to and departure from campus), device must be turned OFF and may NOT be used under any circumstances.
4. There is no reason a student should need to use a device during the regular school day. If there is an emergency the school will allow the student immediate access to a school or staff phone.
5. The student (NOT the school, its students, its staff, its volunteers, or its guests) is solely responsible for the loss, theft, or ruin of his or her device.
6. CFAP personnel will ask a student to surrender device under either of the following circumstances:
 - a. If the device rings, vibrates, or makes any type of noise (which would mean that the phone is turned ON, and therefore in violation of the policy), or
 - b. If CFAP personnel see the device (which would mean that the device was visible or on the student's person, and therefore in violation of the policy).

STUDENT REFUSAL TO SURRENDER CELLPHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE PROCEDURE

Level 1: If a student violates the Telecommunications and Electronic Devices Policy, he or she will be asked by school personnel to surrender the device. If the student does so and it is that student's first violation, the device will be returned to a parent according to paragraph 7 of the Policy. If it is the second, third, etc. violation, the device will be kept by the school until the end of the school year.

Level 2: If the student refuses to surrender the device immediately, a campus administrator will be called to assist and the student will be taken to an administrator's office. The administrator will attempt to convince the student to surrender the device. If the student does so, the device will be returned to a parent after the shorter of 30 days or the end of the school year if it is the first violation and until the end of the school year for subsequent violations. As a result of refusing to surrender the device immediately, the student will serve one Wednesday after-school detention session after which his or her parent will need to pick the student up....CFAP will NOT transport the student home. Additionally, the student will lose his or her device privileges for the remainder of the school year.

Level 3: If the student refuses to surrender the device to the administrator, an attempt will be made to contact a parent to obtain assistance in convincing the student to surrender the device. If the student does so, the device will be returned to a parent after the shorter of 60 days if it is the first violation and until the end of the school year for subsequent violations. As a result of having to call a parent to bring about compliance with the administrator's request, the student will serve three Wednesday after-school detention sessions in which his or her parent will need to pick the student up....CFAP will NOT transport the student home. Additionally, the student will lose device privileges for the remainder of the school year.

Level 4a: If the student still refuses to surrender the device after parent intervention, he or she will be suspended from school, recommended for expulsion, and not be allowed to return to school until after an expulsion hearing with the assistant superintendent, provided that hearing results in a reinstatement of the student. If the student is reinstated he or she will serve nine Wednesday after-school detention sessions in which his or her parent will need to pick the student up....CFAP will NOT transport the student home. Additionally, the student will forfeit his or her device to the school and lose device privileges for the remainder of the school year.

Level 4b: If the administrator is unable to contact a parent, the student will be taken to In-School Suspension for the remainder of the school day, suspended from school, recommended for expulsion, and not be allowed to return to school until after an expulsion hearing with the assistant superintendent, provided that hearing results in a reinstatement of the student. If the student is reinstated he or she will serve nine Wednesday after-school detention sessions in which his or her parent will need to pick the student up....CFAP will NOT transport the student home. Additionally, the student will forfeit his or her device to the school and lose device privileges for the remainder of the school year.

