

# **Cumberland School Cell Phone Policy**

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Cell phones are allowed at Cumberland School subject to the following Rules and Regulations. The Sunnyvale School District prohibits the use of all communication devices, which in its opinion, have limited or no educational value or their use creates learner distraction and disruption. Devices not allowed on campus or at school-sponsored activities include but are not limited to, two-way radios and pagers, as well as PDA's and laptops with two-way messaging capabilities. The Sunnyvale School District reserves the right to define the educational value of any new electronic wireless communication devices that may become available to the general public in the future and to prohibit their use if they have little or no educational value or if such use creates learner distraction or disruption.

### Possession of Electronic Communication Devices

Students may carry a cell phone to Cumberland School and Cumberland-sponsored activities.

### Use of Devices on School Grounds

Students may use cell phones before and after school on the school sidewalks or field as long as they do not create a distraction or disruption. Use of cell phones during the school day is prohibited and they should be turned completely off and kept out of sight. Cell phone usage is not allowed on any other portion of the school campus at any time, including school-sponsored activities unless an emergency situation, as defined by District staff, exists.

### Use of Devices on Buses

Cell phone usage by students while riding to and from school on the bus, or on the bus during school-sponsored activities is at the discretion of the bus driver. Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.

### Parents Must Request Permission for Other Users

If a student wishes to use a cell phone at an unauthorized time, his/her parent or guardian must submit a written request for permission to the school Principal.

### Disciplinary Action

It is the students' responsibility to ensure that their cell phones are turned off and out of sight during unauthorized times. Students who violate the above restrictions shall be deemed to have created a disruption to the instructional environment and are subject to disciplinary action including suspension as well as confiscation and return of the phone to the student's parents or guardians.

Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones. Cumberland School and the Sunnyvale School District shall not assume responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of a cell phone, or unauthorized calls made on a cell phone.