



SMS Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Device Policy

In an effort to support student safety during school and before/after school, Sunnyvale Middle School students are allowed to possess cell phones on campus. Students must adhere to the following new rules regarding cell phone use:

- Cell phones must be turned off and cannot be visible on campus during the school day (M, T, Th, F - 8:20am – 3:10pm, W - 9:35am-3:10pm).
- The school day includes, but is not limited to, class time, passing periods, lunch periods, after school detention or tutorials, during emergency drills, practices for extracurricular events and field trips.
- The campus includes loading and unloading areas for cars and buses, in the building, or on campus grounds.
- Placing a cell phone on vibrate or texting is not considered off and is prohibited.
- Using a cell phone to audio or video record is prohibited.
- This applies to cell phones and all other personal electronic devices (personal computers, tablets, iPods, portable speakers, audio or video players, etc.)

If a student is found in violation of this policy, the following discipline will be administered:

FIRST OFFENSE

- The cell phone/item will be confiscated and held in the office to be returned to the student at the end of the day.

SECOND OFFENSE

- The cell phone/item will be confiscated and returned to a parent or guardian.

THIRD OFFENSE

- The cell phone/item will be confiscated and returned to a parent or guardian. The student will no longer be allowed to bring a cell phone/item to campus.

Additionally, any violation of this policy which causes or involves a distraction or interruption of transportation, the instructional environment or leads to the violation of other district rules or policies will be subject to disciplinary action failure to comply with a staff directive to turn in a cell phone will be considered defiance and subject to disciplinary action. If parents need to contact a student during the school day, they are requested to contact the school office for assistance. If students need to use a phone during the school day, they must use a school phone, which are available to students with appropriate permission. Sunnyvale Middle School and Sunnyvale School District personnel are not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged cell phone or electronic devices that are brought onto campus.