

PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES and DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Personal mobile technology is defined as cellular phones (including Bluetooth devices, headphones, and earbuds), portable music devices, tablets, smartwatches, and hand-held gaming devices, etc. For the purposes of this policy, the term “cellular devices” will be considered inclusive of all such technology. Use of personal cellular devices must be in compliance with the District Acceptable Use policy. The District will not be responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items.

At South Pasadena High School, we value face-to-face interactions and conversation. In fact, the school's outdoor areas were redesigned to be open, collaborative spaces. We value maintaining our academic environment. We also understand the need to prepare students for the variety of situations they will encounter and the appropriate ways to behave in different settings and circumstances. We acknowledge the ubiquitous nature of cell phone technology and its impact (both positive and negative) on personal health and emotional well-being, as well. In revising our campus cell phone policy, all of the above factors were taken into consideration.

- During instructional time, personal cellular devices are to be off and stored by the student in a designated location.
- Cellular devices may be used during brunch and lunch (passing periods).
- Taking photos or recording people without permission is a violation of this policy and may be unlawful.
- Only if permitted and directly supervised by a teacher may a personal cellular device be used in the classroom for instructional purposes.
- During emergency situations, cellular device use is barred, as students need to be attentive to on-site directions.

The progressive consequences for violating this policy carry over from year to year, cumulatively, through graduation or for however long you are enrolled at SPHS. They do not start over at the beginning of each year.

First Offense: The mobile device or personal electronic device is confiscated and kept in the Student Services Office, the offense is noted in the student's discipline record, and the student may pick up the cellular device after school.

Second Offense: The cellular device is confiscated and kept in the Student Services Office, the offense is noted in the student's discipline record, the student may pick up the cellular device after school, and Saturday School is assigned.

Subsequent Offenses: The mobile device or personal electronic device is confiscated and kept in the Student Services Office, the offense is noted in the student's discipline record and the student is assigned a Saturday School Detention. The parent/guardian may pick up the mobile device or personal electronic device after the detention has been served.