

CHAPMAN CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT & DEVICES

Why a cell phone policy?

Chapman is joining other PPS schools to decrease device use due to distraction, cyberbullying, social media misuse, addiction, and other negative aspects of these devices. Excessive use of personal devices may impact typical adolescent brain development. Our electronic devices policy preserves the entire school day for instructional purposes and healthy social interactions.

What constitutes a "personal electronic device"?

Any student-owned electronic device with a cellular or internet connection, and gaming devices. This includes all cell phones, tablets, watches, laptops, and whatever they invent next.

OUR POLICY

- All personal electronic devices, *other than a school-issued chromebook*, should be left at home. **Our policy is OFF and AWAY during the school DAY.**
- Families can communicate through the office phone if there is a need to leave messages.
- If cell phones and electronic equipment, including earphones and earbuds, are brought to school, **they must remain off and put away in a backpack *at all times, including recess, between 8:00 and 2:130.*** Cell phones & electronic equipment are not to be kept on a student's person (pocket, binder, etc.) for the duration of the school day.
- **Please note, we do not have secure lockers for students and we are not responsible for lost or stolen devices. If a student wants to turn their device into the office for safekeeping until the end of the day, they are welcome to do so.**
- If a student has their device out, a staff member will first give a gentle reminder to put it away. If the device is out a second time, the phone will go to the office until the end of the day. Families will be notified when this happens. Students must remember to pick up their device. We are not responsible for tracking them down if they forget it.