



CC1006: Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices

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Purpose:

To establish guidelines for the use of personal mobile devices by students at WISE Charter School, ensuring that the learning environment remains focused, distraction-free, and conducive to academic success.

Policy Statement:

The use of personal mobile devices by students during school hours at WISE Charter School is strictly regulated to maintain a focused and respectful learning environment. This policy outlines the standards and expectations for the use of mobile devices within the school setting.

General Restrictions:

1. Prohibited Use During School Hours:

- a. Students are not permitted to use personal mobile devices during school hours. We strongly encourage families to support students by not sending students to school with any personal mobile device.
- b. Any student bringing a personal mobile device to school must keep it in their backpack. Should a student desire additional security, they may take it to the office where it will be stored in a locked cabinet.

2. Classroom Communication:

- a. Students may use the classroom or office phone to communicate with their family during school hours.

3. Temporary Access to Personal Mobile Devices:

- a. In specific cases, such as when a student needs to communicate with a guardian who is unavailable by phone call, the teacher may temporarily allow the student to access their personal mobile device. This access is strictly controlled, and students must return the device to their backpack or to the office for storage immediately after use.
- b. In addition, the Principal may approve limited use of personal mobile devices for health, medical, or learning needs, or for specific educational purposes.

4. Unauthorized Use:

- a. If a personal mobile device is used without permission during school hours, it will be confiscated and taken to the office. The student will not be able to retrieve it at the end of the day. Instead, a parent or guardian will be required to pick up the device during office hours on the student's behalf.
- b. Repeated violations will be addressed in accordance with the school's Code of Conduct.

5. Social Media Restrictions:

- a. For the purposes of this policy, social media refers to online platforms or applications that allow users to create, share, or exchange content and interact with others (e.g., video sharing, messaging, or networking sites). This includes, but is not limited to, platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, YouTube, X (formerly Twitter), Discord, and similar services.
- b. Students may not access social media on school devices or through the school's network. Network and browser restrictions are in place to block access to non-educational sites.

Parental Support:

Families are strongly encouraged to support this policy by informing the Class Teacher if their child is bringing a phone to school. This communication helps ensure that the policy is followed and that the learning environment remains uninterrupted.

Policy Communication:

The policy will be included in the Parent Handbook and Employee Handbook and posted on the website.

References:

Ministerial Order 014/2024
Education Act (SA 2012, c E-0.3)