



Lexington Academy

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2023-2024 Cell Phone Policy

AWAY FOR THE DAY

LEXINGTON ACADEMY'S POLICY FOR USE OF CELL PHONES, COMPUTING DEVICES, AND PORTABLE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Adopted by the School Leadership Team: December 20, 2022 Revised August 28, 2023

Students are permitted to bring the following electronic items to school:

- Cell phones, laptops, tablets (Kindles, iPads)

Unless otherwise requested in writing by school personnel, students are not permitted to bring the following electronic items to school:

- “Smart” watches, and other similar computing devices (“computing devices”); and portable music and entertainment systems, such as iPods, MP3 players, PSP, and Nintendo DS

The use of cell phones at school is subject to the conditions as outlined below.

Cell phones will be subject to the **AWAY FOR THE DAY** policy. The **AWAY FOR THE DAY** policy will require that all students place their cell phones in the Yondr Pouches.

- Phones will be turned off.
- Phones will be placed in a Yondr Pouch.
- Phones must be returned at the end of the day/dismissal.
- Phones may not be turned on or used during the school day or during afterschool. This ban includes the use of cell phones for photography or videoing purposes.

School Discipline Approach

- Students who use cell phones, in violation of any provision of the DOE’s Discipline Code, the school’s policy, Chancellor’s regulation A-413, and/or the DOE’s Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy (“IAUSP”) will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.
 - The first time a student violates the **AWAY FOR THE DAY** policy, the student will be referred to the Dean of Students. The student will be given a ‘one-time pass,’ which will include a restorative approach to understanding and reviewing the cell phone policy, and its purpose.



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- The second time the student violates the **AWAY FOR THE DAY** policy, the phone will be confiscated and a meeting will be held with the Dean of Students and the student's parent/legal guardian, at which time the cell phone will be returned to the parent/guardian.
- The third time the student violates the **AWAY FOR THE DAY** policy, the phone will be confiscated, and a meeting will be held with the child's parent/legal guardian, the Dean of Students, and the Principal/Assistant Principal, at which time the cell phone will be returned to the parent. *The student will no longer be allowed to bring his/her cell phone to school (a restart will be given the following academic school year).*

FAMILY SUPPORT

- As a community, we are keenly aware of our families' needs. We recognize that many of our families depend on the use of cell phones to stay in communication with their children, especially for travel to and from school, and to stay in contact in the event of an emergency. As a school, we fully commit to ensuring that parents/families/guardians will have communication through the use of the school's office phone (212)-860-5831/2.
- When families call the school, they will be supported by school personnel, i.e., Dean of Students, Social Worker, Psychologist, and/or Guidance Counselor as needed.
- If a family needs to communicate with their child during the school day, school personnel will support families with access to their child as needed.