



Student Cell Phone Use Policy- Draft
West Contra Costa Unified School District
WCCUSD / WCCAA / UTR Collaborative

Possession and Use of Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Signaling Devices

Board of Education Policy # ____ outlines the rules for student possession and use of cellular phones, and other electronic signaling devices on school campuses, on school buses and at school-sponsored activities, while under the supervision and control of school district employees.

Cell phones must be **“Off and Away”** (turned off and out of sight) during school hours. This also includes lunch time and passing periods. The phone is to be used only on the way to and from school. It may not be used on school campus at any time except in the case of a major emergency, such as an earthquake, fire, etc.

If a student is NOT able to follow these rules, the phone WILL be taken away. Guardians will be required to come to campus to pick up the phone. This may result in the student not being able to bring their phone to campus for the rest of the school year.

Students who plan to bring cell-phones to school are required to have a signed contract on file and comply with the instructions of the policy above. Please see your child's counselor for a copy of this contract.

These devices must be kept out of sight and turned off during the instructional program. Unauthorized use of such devices disrupts the instructional program and distracts from the learning environment. Therefore unauthorized use is grounds for confiscation of the device by school officials, including classroom teachers. Repeated unauthorized use of such devices may lead to disciplinary action.

Students and parents will be notified of this policy each year through the *Student/Parent Handbook*.