

Xavier Charter School

STUDENTS

Policy: 3265 Electronic Communications Devices – Cell Phones/Small Electronics

In order to accommodate concerns about student safety while traveling to and from school, Xavier Charter School will allow students to possess cell phones/small electronic devices provided the following rules are strictly adhered to:

- The use of all cell phones/small electronic devices on the school campus or during a school activity from the time the school is opened until the student exits the building at the end of the day is strictly prohibited.
- Cell phones/small electronic devices (including but not limited to smart watches and earbuds) should be stored turned off and out-of-sight. The device(s) may be stored in a locker but not on the student's body including purse or backpack. If a device "goes off" on the school campus or during a school activity during school hours, it is considered "in use" and a violation of school policy.
- Parents should call the school office for any emergency situation, and not contact students by cell phone. Likewise, students who need to contact their parents during the day should ask to use a school phone and not use their personal device.

Photography teachers will take extra caution before approving the use of cameras in the classrooms setting and will notify the administration in writing prior to granting approval. All participants in any type of photographed or filmed project must have completed the school's media release.

- The use of cameras, video equipment, or any type of recording phone or device is strictly forbidden in private areas at any time, such as locker rooms, restrooms, dressing areas, and offices. Such use may also be in violation of the criminal code.

Students found to be using any electronic communications device to in any way send or receive personal messages, data, or information that would contribute to or constitute cheating on tests or examinations shall be subject to discipline and the device shall be confiscated and not returned until a parent conference has been held.

Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.

Xavier Charter School shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of devices brought onto school property.

Students who violate the provisions of this policy, are subject to disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property, detention, suspension, or expulsion. In addition, an administrator will confiscate the devices, which shall only be returned

to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). Where appropriate, police authorities may be contacted.

Policy History:

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