

BOARD POLICY

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Students

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STUDENT USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

It is the intent of the Board of Education, in exercising its authority to regulate the use of electronic devices, to establish guidelines and regulations that will ensure the continuation of a positive climate for learning, free from unnecessary disruptions. As the technology of wireless communication in our society has evolved, there is now widespread use of electronic devices among our student population that previously has been prohibited, such as cell phones, tablets, laptops and other mobile devices.

Although state law no longer prohibits students from possessing or using electronic devices, restrictions on their use on a school campus must exist to ensure that such use does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with classroom instruction or other school activities.

The Board permits student possession of electronic devices on a school campus during the school day. The PYLUSD does not assume liability if such devices are damaged, lost or stolen.

At the elementary and middle school level, electronic devices shall remain off during the school day unless teacher approval is given. At the high school level, use is permitted while on school grounds, but shall only be used during class time when teacher approval is given. The school day is defined as the time a student arrives on campus until the end of their instructional day.

If the privilege of having these devices at school is abused and the possession or use of an electronic device violates this policy, the school has the right to revoke the privilege and prohibit a student from possessing such a device on campus. The principal/designee is responsible for including violations of this policy in the school discipline plan as appropriate.

No student shall be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic device that is determined and documented by a licensed physician and/or surgeon to be essential for the health of the student and use of which is limited to purposes related to the health of the student.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Education Code 48901.5

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