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Electronic Devices

Policy No. 16

Freedom Academy restricts the use of electronic devices at school. The use of electronic devices can be disruptive to the educational process and are items that are frequently lost or stolen. **The Academy is not responsible for the security and safekeeping of these items and is not financially responsible for any damage, destruction, or loss of electronic devices.** In order to maintain a secure and orderly learning environment, and to promote respect and courtesy regarding the use of electronic devices, the Academy hereby establishes the following rules and regulations governing student use of electronic devices, and procedures to address student misuse of electronic devices.

DEFINITIONS

“**Electronic device(s)**” means a privately owned device that is used for audio, video, or text communication or any other type of computer or computer-like instrument which includes, but are not limited to, cell phones, Mp3 players, iPods, personal digital assistants (PDAs), compact disc players, portable game consoles, cameras, digital scanners, lap top computers, and other electronic or battery powered instruments which transmit voice, text, or data from one person to another.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE

Except as otherwise provided by this policy, student use of electronic devices during school hours is **strictly prohibited** unless authorized pursuant to an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Accommodation Plan, or a Health reason(s) as stated in a written note from a parent, legal guardian, or physician given to the school each school year.

VIOLATIONS

Electronic devices will be confiscated by school personnel. When an electronic device is confiscated, the electronic device shall be taken to the Academy's main office to be identified, placed in a secure area, and returned when a parent or legal guardian appears in person requesting device.

Electronic devices confiscated may be subject to search by administration or faculty when Reasonable Suspicion is evident and may be turned over to law enforcement if illegal activity is found.

Continued violation of this policy may result in suspension from the Academy.

Parents or legal guardians are expected to claim a confiscated electronic device within ten (10) days of the date it was relinquished. The Academy shall not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for any unclaimed electronic device or monthly service charges while in the possession of the Academy.