

Venture Academy Technology and Personal Items

Personal Items at School

- a. Personal property that is not needed for educational purposes should not be brought to school (e.g. portable music players, stuffed animals, blankets, personal gaming devices, etc.).
- b. Venture will not be responsible for personal property that is lost or stolen.
- c. Weapons of any kind, look-alike weapons, or items that can be used as weapons (e.g. chains, large spiked jewelry, etc.) are not allowed. A student with a weapon or weapon-like item will be subjected to severe penalties in accordance with the Safe and Orderly School policy.
- d. Students are prohibited from making unauthorized audio or visual recordings or capturing images where consent of person(s) in the video or image would reasonably be expected. Students are also prohibited from transmitting or making publically available any unauthorized audio or visual recordings and/or images. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.
- e. No electronic devices may be used during state mandated testing unless explicitly allowed according to the exam instructions or necessary accommodations allowed by and stated in a student's IEP or 504.
- f. Electronic Devices, including Cell Phones, Laptops, E-readers, Tablets, etc, may be used in the classroom or on Fieldwork at the teacher's discretion.

K-8 Cell Phones

Cell Phones may be brought to school under the following conditions:

- The cell phone will remain concealed and on vibrate during all instructional periods. Students may use their phones before or after school.
- Phones will be confiscated from students who do not abide by these rules. After three confiscations the phone must be picked up in the office by the student's parents.
- Students who need to make calls during instructional periods must have the permission of a teacher or the office staff and should do so from the front office.
- Students who fail to abide by the above guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action.

High School Cell Phones

Cell Phones may be brought to school under the following conditions:

- The cell phone will remain concealed and on vibrate during all instructional periods unless otherwise directed by the teacher for educational purposes. Students may use their phones before or after school, during lunchtime, and between classes.
- Phones will be confiscated from students who do not abide by these rules. After multiple confiscations the phone must be picked up in the office by the student's parents.
- Students who need to make calls during instructional periods must have the permission of a teacher or the office staff.
- Students who fail to abide by the above guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action.

Laptops, Tablets, and E-Readers

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Students may bring personal electronic devices to school as an aide for student learning. Electronic devices may only be used at Venture Academy under the following conditions:

- The device may only be used during instructional periods at the teacher's discretion and for the specific purposes outlined by the teacher.
- The device may be used during lunch and other break times as long as the content is school appropriate.
- The student must **fully power down** his or her device(s) when asked by a member of Venture Academy's faculty, staff, or administration regardless of the circumstances.
- Devices will be confiscated from students who attempt to use devices for purposes other than those outlined by the teacher, for purposes inappropriate for school, or at times when the teacher has asked that devices not be used. After multiple confiscations the phone must be picked up in the office by the student's parents.
- Students who fail to abide by the above guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action.

Examples of appropriate usage of electronic devices include:

- Novels on e-readers for English class or free reading time.
- Scientific and/or Graphing Calculator Apps for Math class.
- Calendar Apps for logging and tracking homework.
- Word Processing programs for taking notes, composing written documents, graphing data, or creating presentations.
- Internet based research (using Venture Academy's filtered wireless access when approved by teacher)

Examples of **inappropriate** usage of electronic devices include:

- "Flipping" between on-task and off-task windows during instructional time.
- Making or publically posting unauthorized audio or visual recordings and/or images
- Viewing inappropriate content (violent, pornographic, threatening, inappropriate language, etc.)
- Using any device, personal or school-owned, to bully or harass other students.
- Creating inappropriate content (violent, pornographic, threatening, inappropriate language, etc.)
- Using the electronic device without teacher permission during class time.