



Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices at OLPH School

A personal electronic device is any device which electronically sends, receives, stores, reproduces or displays voice and/or text communication or data. Such devices include, but may not be limited to: cell phones, smartphones, media players such as iPods, gaming devices, tablet computers, laptop computers, and e-Readers. (*Students using e-Readers in school must have a signed [e-Reader permission form](#) on file.*)

1. Students are solely responsible for the care and use of their electronic devices.
2. Students may use their electronic devices before entering school in the morning and after exiting the building at dismissal.
3. Electronic devices must be kept out of sight and powered off or silenced during the school day and during any school-sponsored activity meeting on school property. *The exception will be if the teacher or activity moderator (such as extended care supervisor or extracurricular activity coach) gives permission for the device to be used for instructional or other essential purposes.*
4. Student use of personal electronic devices is prohibited in bathrooms.
5. Students shall not use personal electronic devices on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view inappropriate websites that are otherwise blocked to students at school.
6. If inappropriate use of an electronic device causes the device to be confiscated by a teacher or administrator, the device will only be released to the student's parent/legal guardian. Inappropriate use of personal electronic devices includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. Possessing, viewing, sending or sharing video or audio information having sexual, violent, or threatening content on school grounds, school events or school buses
 - b. Transmitting school materials for unethical purposes such as cheating
 - c. Engaging in any form of cyberbullying
 - d. Using the electronic device at an unauthorized time or in an unauthorized location
7. Students taking photos of other students without their permission and without the permission of the teacher or activity moderator is prohibited.