

Corner Canyon High School - Personal Technology Policy *2024-2025 School Year*

We strive to follow recent research regarding technology in the classrooms. Research shows there is a correlation between cell phone use in the classroom and inability to focus, habitual behaviors/lack of self-regulation, reduction of cognitive functioning/problem-solving, and compromised social interactions & communication skills (Himmelsbach, 2019; Morgan, n.d.; Tindell & Bohlander, 2012; The President and Fellows of Harvard College, 2019; Tossell et al., 2015; Whitford, 2018). In addition, “data indicates that the mere presence of one’s smartphone adversely affects... two measures of cognitive capacity - available working memory capacity, and functional fluid intelligence - even when participants were not using their phone (Ward, Duke, Gneezy, Bos, 2017). Minimizing distractions in the classroom (i.e. having a school-wide technology policy) will maximize learning.

Students must understand how to use personal technology productively within a learning and working environment. **“Personal Technology” refers to students’ cell phones, personal computers, headphones, AirPods, smart watches, gaming devices, or anything else that can connect to the internet.** Furthermore, we strive to protect the privacy and personal safety of its students, faculty, and staff. Corner Canyon High School will implement a personal technology policy to support these ideas, in the 2024-2025 school year. Personal technology should be **“silent and out of sight unless invited.”**

Parent/Guardian/Student Communication

Corner Canyon High School understands the need and desire for accessible communication between students and their parents/guardians. For this reason, students are allowed access to their personal technology devices in between class periods and during their lunch periods. Our staff is committed to working collaboratively with the community to ensure appropriate and timely communication during class time. Please call the attendance office if you need to speak with your student during class periods.

Personal Technology Use

As of the 24-25 school year, the following policies will be in effect:

1. Students are expected to abstain from **ANY** personal technology use during their class periods. Students will be required to store their personal technology in the designated storage area until the end of class.
2. Students will be required to store their personal technology at the beginning of each class period.
3. Phones will not be available to students for bathroom/hall breaks during class time.
4. Students are required to use school-issued Chromebooks for educational use during class, not personal computers.
5. Use of personal technology to record images or videos of students, faculty, or staff without their knowledge and consent is strictly prohibited (see Canyons School District policy 500.06).
6. Any students refusing to follow this procedure will be subject to disciplinary action according to the Technology Use Violation Policy found below

Personal Technology for Medical Use and Accommodations

Corner Canyon High School recognizes that personal technology may be used for medical reasons and the controlling of medical devices. Student's medical needs should be disclosed to school personnel and appropriate measures can be taken to support these students. Notify your school administrator to ensure a student has an emergency action plan (EAP) in place.

Personal Technology Violation Policy

Students will be subject to disciplinary action if their personal technology disrupts the educational environment. Examples of this include, but are not limited to: cheating, bullying, harassment, distracting self or peers, prohibited recording or photographing, interference with other students' technology, and violating other district or school rules. If you are found in violation of the policy the following process will be followed in each class:

- **1st Violation:** Verbal redirection from teacher.
- **2nd Violation:** Device voluntarily surrendered for the class period to be returned at the end of the period.
- **3rd Violation:** The device is voluntarily surrendered to the main office for the remainder of the day. Parent/guardian must collect personal technology.
- **4th Violation:** The device is voluntarily surrendered to the main office. Parent/guardian must attend a meeting with the student's administrator and a behavior contract will be put in place.
- **5th Violation:** The device is voluntarily surrendered to the main office for the remainder of the day. Parents will be contacted. The administrative team will decide the next steps following the Canyons School District "Levels of Behavior" document. This could result in a loss of phone privileges at school.

*If a student's personal technology rights have been revoked. They will be reinstated up to six weeks from the date of infraction.

*Students found supplying fake phones to designated storage areas will be subject to disciplinary action.

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