

South Albany Student Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

South Albany High School Electronic Device Policy

Students are faced with significant distractions that shift their focus away from their classroom studies. As Oregon graduation requirements increase and the necessity of student engagement becomes increasingly critical, it is necessary for South Albany to have a cell phone and electronic device policy. With the rapid change in technology, we are considering IPODS, IPHONES, and all cell phone or other electronic device with the same policy.

SAHS CELL PHONE and ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY:

- Cell phones and electronic devices are currently allowed at South Albany High School OUTSIDE of classrooms.
- Cell phones and electronic devices may be used before/after school, passing, during breaks, and lunch only.
- Cell phones and electronic devices are to be turned “OFF” during class time to avoid classroom distractions for the student or classroom disruptions. (*Note: Silent/Vibrate are not considered “Off”*).
- Cell phones and electronic devices are not allowed to be used in any way, at any time, during all scheduled class times. This includes in the classroom as well as in the restrooms, hallways, breezeways, etc. during class.
- Headphones must be put away out of site during class time – not hanging by the ears, out of sight please.
- Use of a cell phone (texting, music, phone calls) or distractions caused by a cell phone (ring tones, noises, vibrations, etc.) or other electronic device in the classroom will result in the phone or device being confiscated by SAHS staff member and taken to the main office for safe keeping.
- Cell phones may not be used on campus during “open or off-campus” periods.
- Phones/devices may not be used as a calculator, phone book, etc. without direct teacher permission for each use.
- For family emergencies, a **day use cell phone pass** is available from the school office through an administrator.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY:

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| 1 st Offense | Electronic device is confiscated by a staff member and placed in the front office in a locked drawer for safe keeping. <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The student may pick the phone up at the end of their school day■ Failure to forfeit the electronic device when requested is a serious violation of school policy and the student will be suspended out of school for insubordination |
| 2 nd Offense | Electronic device is confiscated and placed in the front office. <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The student earns consequences (detention, in-school suspension, or Saturday Success Academy)■ The student can pick up the electronic device the <u>next morning</u> from the office■ Or the parent/guardian can pick up the phone at the end of the students current day |
| 3+ Offenses | Electronic device is confiscated and placed in the front office. <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Additional offenses beyond two are considered “Defiance”■ Consequences for “Defiance” include In-School Suspension, Saturday School, and Out of School Suspension■ Parent/Guardian can pick up the electronic device at any time■ Device will not be returned to the student after the 2nd offense |

This permission applies for the current school year.