

## **Electronic Devices for Educational Use (Updated Policy)**

St. Charles West High School recognizes the significant impact that technology can have on the educational experience for each student. However, this recognition acknowledges that the use of technology can impact the educational environment both positively and negatively depending on how it is used in the school setting. In fact, the use of electronic devices during the school day may cause significant distraction to the learning process if used inappropriately. As a result, policies and procedures used will focus on discouraging these behaviors and encouraging those focused on strengthening the positive impact that technology may have on the educational environment.

### **One-to-One**

In an effort to ensure that students have more equitable access to technology for educational purposes, students will have the opportunity to utilize a district issued Chromebook at school and at home throughout the school year. Students choosing not to take advantage of this opportunity may opt out of the one-to-one initiative, but they will be expected to have access to a similar device such as an updated or current laptop, Chromebook, or tablet device with the ability to access Google Apps and Classroom along with Google Chrome. ***(With regard to this policy, Cell Phones are not considered an acceptable device).*** Please see the City of St. Charles School District Chromebook Policy Handbook for more information.

### **Cell Phones/Electronic Devices/Accessories**

Students at St. Charles West are **not** encouraged to bring cell phones or other electronic devices to school. ***Please be advised that students bring these items at their own risk.*** If students choose to bring such items, they should be turned off and securely stored out of sight during the school day. Cell Phones may be used before school, after school, during passing periods and at lunch only. Ultimately, classroom electronic device usage is at the discretion of the classroom teacher, and students are subject to discipline consequences for unauthorized or inappropriate use of such devices in the classroom. ***If there is a need to contact students during the school day for an emergency, parents are encouraged to contact students through the school office.*** Additionally, students are not to wear or display headphones and/or ear buds in the hallways or in the classroom without specific expressed permission of the classroom teacher.

Warning from Classroom Teacher	Detention and Parent Notification from Classroom Teacher	Referral to Office-Parent Notification and Two Detentions	Referral to Office-Parent Notification and One SCC/ISS	Referral to Office-Parent Notification and 1-2 ISS
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***\*Refusal to follow teacher directives resulting in administration being called to the room for electronic device issues per this policy will result in one day of ISS for classroom disruption and insubordination.***

***\*If the use of the electronic device is used in a more serious issue (example: cheating, unauthorized recording, etc.), the teacher will refer the student to the office for that particular offense.***