

Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs) Policy

CYPRESS CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

The following use of a WCD is approved:

- Instructional purposes will be permitted, as approved by the classroom teacher and/or the principal
- Before and after school, during lunch periods, in between classes, during after-school/extracurricular, at school-related functions, and while on the school bus provided such use does not create a distraction, disruption, or otherwise interfere with the educational environment

The following use of a WCD is expressly prohibited:

- Engaging in non-educational-related communications and/or usage during instructional time
- Capturing, recording or transmitting:
 - Words or sounds, audio, images, pictures and/or video of any student, staff member or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity without expressed prior notice and explicit written and/or verbal consent of said party and/or as indicated by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP)
 - Fights or similar events and/or subsequent posting of said recordings/images to social media and similar outlets
 - Activity in locker rooms, shower facilities, and/or rest/bathrooms
 - Test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty or using a WCD to receive such information

1 st Violation	2 nd Violation	3 rd Violation	4 th Violation
Warning/In-Class Confiscation Student receives device back at end of period	Confiscation Student picks up device in Student Services (end of day)	Confiscation & Lunch ISS Parent/Guardian pick-up	Confiscation & Parent/Guardian pick-up and 1 day

*5th Violation will result in Confiscation & Parent/Guardian pick-up & OSS

***Please Note:** While most violations follow the consequences outlined above, certain offenses will result in more severe consequences including OSS and/or recommendation for expulsion.

WCDs are defined as: computers, laptops, tablets, electronic readers, cell phones, telephones, smartphones, beepers, pagers, any web-enabled devices of any type, smartwatches and/or similar devices. This policy extends to the use of accessories such as earbuds, headphones, Bluetooth speakers and/or any similar items.

Possession of a WCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extracurricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise abuses this privilege.

WCDs must be fully powered off during standardized tests and other times as directed by your teacher or administrator.

Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of WCDs on school premises/property.

School officials will not search or otherwise tamper with WCDs in district custody unless they reasonably suspect that the WCD contains evidence of a violation of the law or other school rules. Any search will be conducted in accordance with Policy 5771 – Search and Seizure.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their WCDs. The Board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage to, misuse, or unauthorized use of WCDs brought onto its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.

