

**I. PURPOSE**

Electronic devices in the classroom can serve both to enhance and disrupt a student's learning opportunities. Athlos Academy acknowledges that the landscape of educational technology is ever-changing and has put the following policy in place to properly govern the permitted uses of electronic devices at Athlos Academy.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

- A. **Electronic Device:** A device that is used for audio, video, or text communication or any other type of computer or computer-like instrument. Any device, whether or not it is owned by Athlos Academy of Utah, that is connected to the school's network is covered by this policy.
- B. **Personal Electronic Device:** An electronic device not owned by Athlos Academy of Utah.
- C. **The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA):** Regulations enacted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and administrated by the Schools and Libraries Division of the FCC. CIPA requires recipients of federal technology funds to comply with certain Internet filtering and policy requirements.

**III. POLICY**

- A. Students may possess electronic devices at school subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. Students may carry and possess electronic devices to and from school.
  - 2. Personal electronic devices must be turned off and kept in backpacks during school hours except if otherwise allowed by a school teacher or administrator for educational purposes.
  - 3. Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of personal electronic devices brought to school.
  - 4. Athlos Academy shall not assume responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or unauthorized calls made with a student's personal electronic device.
  - 5. Students may use their personal electric device if the use is established by the appropriate administrator to be necessary for other special circumstances, health-related reasons, or emergency.
- B. Students may **not** use electronic devices pursuant to the following:

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1. For gaming, personal social media, watching videos, listening to music, or during lunch, between classes or before or after school on school premises without adult supervision;
  2. For taking photographs in restrooms, locker rooms or dressing rooms;
  3. Posting photographs of another person to social media or online without his/her permission;
  4. For accessing inappropriate content or for disallowed behaviors as outlined in the *Acceptable Use of Technology Policy 7401*;
  5. In ways that bully, humiliate, harass, or intimidate students or school employees consistent with the school's *Anti-Bullying Policy 5401*; and/or
  6. During standardized assessments unless specifically permitted by statute, the student's IEP, or assessment directions.
- C. If a student violates this policy, his/her electronic device may be confiscated by any Athlos Academy teacher or school administrator.
1. After the first confiscation, the device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.
  2. On subsequent confiscations, the device will be released only to the student's parent/guardian(s), after the student has complied with the disciplinary consequences.
  3. The school may examine a student's personal device and search its contents if there is a reason to believe that school policies or state laws have been violated.
  4. In extreme cases, law enforcement may be alerted if the student has misused an electronic device in violation of the law.
  5. Additionally, students may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the school's *Discipline Policy 5502*.
- D. Students are personally responsible for devices assigned or provided to them by the LEA, both for loss or damage and for use of the devices consistent with this policy and the *Acceptable Use of Technology Policy 7401*.
- E. Athlos Academy's technology use and Internet safety policy must be CIPA-compliant in accordance with Utah Admin R277-495, including student use of school electronic devices.
- F. Pursuant to R277-495-4(B)(5), this policy shall be published in the Family Handbook.