

## Rockwell Charter High School Governing Board

### Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Devices Policy – Approved 12/10/19 (Current)

With the availability of cell phones and other electronic devices such as iPads, tablets, and so on, this policy seeks to not only control the unnecessary use and abuse of these items, but also support teachers and other staff in the useful and utilitarian application of such items.

Effective with the date stated above, classroom teachers have the right to limit and/or not allow the use of cell phones and other personal electronic devices in their classrooms as such may be a distraction or create problems that would not exist without the presence of these items. Teachers are also able to determine that the use of such devices may aid the teacher and students in the conducting of appropriate learning activities. Parents and/or guardians are expected to support classroom standards especially as this policy suggests it is a completely reasonable school rule that supports student learning.

Students unwilling to comply with classroom expectations will be issued a verbal and written warning home (call and/or email) for the first and second offenses by the classroom teacher or support personnel. This is due to this being primarily a classroom management issue. For the third offense, they will receive the verbal and written warning and serve 3 lunch detentions. On the fourth offense, the student will serve in-school suspension (ISS) due to the nature of the infraction being willful disobedience to school policy. At the fifth offense, student will receive out-of-school suspension of up to three (3) days and a conference will be held between parents/guardian, student, and administration. On any of these, the consequence will be made more severe if the student responds with swearing or other inappropriate comments toward school personnel. Parents/guardians are asked to help their student abide by this policy, which simply helps teachers and others maintain order in the classrooms to support student learning.

While this is generally covered in current school rules, it is felt that more supportive specifics were desired by teachers and other school staff to facilitate student achievement. This policy will be reviewed periodically to make sure it is in line with current laws and rules governing such matters.

# **Electronic Devices Policy**

(Consideration for approval for 6/15/2021 Board Meeting)

At Rockwell Charter High School, personal electronic devices may be used to enhance the delivery of the educational program. These devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, tablets, ipods, mp3 players, laptops, hands free devices (such as Bluetooths), e-readers, cameras, etc. Students, parents, teachers, staff, and administration will use such devices on school premises and at school-related activities, both on and off-campus, in compliance with state and federal law and in adherence to the philosophy and policies of Rockwell.

Unauthorized recordings, capturing of images, transmissions of recordings or images, and/or invasions of reasonable privacy expectations are prohibited. Use of such devices by any person that bullies, humiliates, harasses or intimidates is strictly forbidden. All individuals who bring personal electronic devices on school property and/or to school activities do so under their own responsibility and at their own risk. Rockwell is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal electronic equipment.

## **Student Use**

- Educational provisions for the use of electronic devices are allowable upon approval of administration. Use of personal electronic devices may be specifically allowed under IEPs, approved class projects, etc. Such use will be under the direction and oversight of authorized school personnel.
- In all other cases, students are discouraged from bringing personal electronic devices to school due to the risk of distraction, disruption, damage, loss or theft.
- Devices not in use for approved educational purposes are to be turned off/silenced and stored during school hours.
- Electronic devices may never be used during state or school assessments unless specifically allowable under law, statute, regulation, student IEP, or assessment directions.
- Any electronic device used in violation of policy may be confiscated by teachers and/or administrators.
- Confiscated electronic devices may be subject to search by school officials. Parents or guardians will be informed of the reason for confiscation, and confiscated devices will be held in the school office and released to a parent or guardian.

## **Student Discipline**

- 1st and 2nd offenses, students will be issued by classroom teacher/support personnel via phone call or email.
- 3rd offense, students will receive verbal and written warning by administration and serve 3 lunch detentions with parent notification.
- 4th offense, students will serve in-school suspension with parent notification.
- 5th offense, students will receive out of school suspension of up to three days and a conference will be held between parents/guardians, student, and administration.