

Student Cell Phone Policy at Sugarloaf School

Students and Parents at SLS, please be reminded that no student cell phones, ear buds, air pods, active Apple watch or Bluetooth headphones will be allowed to be in use on campus during the school day.

Cell phones must be on silent or turned **off** and stored **inside backpacks or handbags**. In addition, if a student requests to use the restroom during class, they **must show the teacher that their cell phone is not leaving the classroom with them**.

Wired earphones plugged into the laptop are **only** acceptable if needed for course work. Students may use their cell phones when given explicit instruction from teachers to use them for academics in the classroom under the teacher's supervision.

If there is a medical reason to use a cell phone, that will be allowed per a 504 or health plan. If students need to contact family during the school day, each classroom is equipped with a phone. If requested, with special permission, students may use cell phones in the presence of administrators and designated staff members.

This policy has been processed through school channels and is a result of the following unacceptable issues that have occurred in the past year:

- *Students taking videos and pics of other students and posting on Snapchat.
- *Students making audio recordings of test reviews and listening to it while taking a test.
- *Students continually taking out their phones in PE and the locker room.
- *Students taking pictures in the classroom of other students without permission and posting to social media.
- *Students taking pictures and videos of student outfits and rating them on Tik-Tok.

It should be noted that neither the school nor its employees are responsible for the loss or damage to any student's phone or electronic device.

If students **do not follow** the phone policy, the teacher will send the student, with their phone, to the office immediately. Administrators will secure the phone and place it in the school vault. **A call to the parents will be made to retrieve the phone.** It will not be given back to the student.

Parents/Guardians, if you need to reach your child during the school day, please call the front office and we will be happy to relay a message or call them down to call you. Please do not call or text your child during the school day. (305) -745-3282 ext. 50300