

**SIERRA CHARTER SCHOOL**

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**CELL PHONE & ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES**

Sierra Charter School (“SCS”) will permit students to possess cell phones and other electronic signaling devices while on school campus, but are required to adhere to the following guidelines:

Cell phones and other electronic signaling devices may NOT be used:

- During instructional classroom time, including state testing, and any other school activity that takes place during the regularly scheduled school day on or off campus; and/or
- On field trips or Charter School sponsored excursions.

Exceptions to this policy would only be if a teacher requests for students to complete in-class assignments or surveys using their cell phones or other electronic signaling devices.

Possession of a cell phone or other electronic signaling device is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy. All school employees may remove any cell phone or other electronic signaling device from possession of a student violating this policy. Confiscated devices will be returned only to the student at the end of the class or testing period in which it was confiscated. All other applicable student discipline policies shall continue to apply in response to a student failing to abide by the terms of this policy.

Administrative officials may search the content of a cell phone or electronic signaling device if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or school rules and regulations. Articulate facts at the inception of the search must support an Administrative official’s reasonable suspicion that a search of the cell phone or electronic signaling device is justified. The scope of the search shall be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the pupil and the nature of the infraction. In no case shall a school official search a cell phone or electronic signaling device based on curiosity, rumor, or hunch.

Students who possess a cell phone or other electronic signaling device shall assume responsibility for its care. At no time shall the school be responsible for preventing theft, loss or damage to cell phones or other electronic signaling devices brought onto campus.