



HARVEST PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Policy & Procedure

Student Wireless Device Use Policy

Adopted: 7/15/25

POLICY

It is the policy of Harvest Preparatory Academy to provide a safe, respectful, and distraction-free learning environment that supports academic excellence and student well-being. In accordance with Arizona House Bill 2484, the use of personal wireless electronic devices by students is restricted during the instructional day to minimize disruptions, protect student privacy, and reinforce classroom engagement. This policy ensures that all students can thrive in a focused educational atmosphere while preserving access to communication and technology for approved health, safety, and learning purposes.

PROCEDURE

This policy applies to all students enrolled at Harvest Preparatory Academy and governs the use of wireless devices including, but not limited to:

- Cellular phones
- Smart watches
- Tablets
- Laptops
- Personal Wi-Fi hotspots
- Any device capable of accessing cellular data or the internet

III. Policy Statement

Students are prohibited from using personal wireless devices during the school day, including:

- During class time
- During recess or lunch
- While transitioning between classes
- During school-sponsored activities held during instructional hours

All personal devices must remain powered off and stored (in backpacks) unless expressly permitted by a staff member under one of the approved exceptions outlined below.

IV. Approved Exceptions

Wireless device use may be permitted under the following circumstances:

1. Medical Necessity: Students with documented medical needs (e.g., monitoring glucose levels) may use approved devices with written clearance from a parent/guardian and school nurse.
2. Emergency Situations: In the event of a verifiable emergency, students may use a device to contact a parent, guardian, or emergency services.
3. Educational Purposes: Devices may be used under explicit direction and supervision of a classroom

teacher or administrator when integrated into instructional activities.

4. Individualized Education Program (IEP)/504 Plan: Students with IEP or 504 accommodations that include device use are exempt from restrictions consistent with their plan.

V. Enforcement & Disciplinary Procedures

Violations of this policy may result in:

- First offense: Verbal warning and parent notification
- Second offense: Device confiscation
- Repeated offenses: Progressive disciplinary action in alignment with discipline matrix

VI. Parent & Student Notification

This policy shall be included in the Student & Parent Handbook and reviewed at the beginning of each school year. A copy will be provided to families and posted publicly on the school website.

VII. Review & Revision

This policy shall be reviewed annually and revised as needed to remain in compliance with state law and best practices.