

Lubbock Christian School

Electronics Policy (“Away for the Day”)

Lubbock Christian School is committed to providing students with a positive, safe, and academically focused learning environment. In response to growing concerns regarding student cell phone use and the impact of social media on student achievement, health, and well-being, Lubbock Christian School has implemented an electronics policy for all high school students.

Definitions

School Property: Any location on the LCS campus or in an LCS facility where instruction or school activities occur, including classrooms, hallways, gyms, cafeterias, band halls, extracurricular spaces, athletic fields and tracks, breezeways, courtyards, playgrounds, and other outdoor areas.

School Day: The period beginning with the first bell of the day and ending with the final bell of the day.

Use: A personal communication device in a student’s possession that is powered on and capable of sending or receiving communication signals.

Possession: A device being on a student’s person, directly held, in pockets, pouches, or otherwise accessible and under the student’s direct control.

Personal Communication Device: Any smartphone, flip phone, tablet, smartwatch, radio device, paging device, wearable technology, or other electronic device capable of digital communication or telecommunication. This definition does not include a student laptop or tablet authorized for use under the school’s Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program and used in accordance with school policy and teacher direction.

Policy

Students in grades 6–12 must keep all personal communication devices powered off during the school day while on school property. Devices must remain out of sight and stored in a locker or backpack. Smartwatches and other wearable communication devices must also remain powered off and out of sight during the school day.

Parents who need to communicate with students during the school day should contact the school office.

Disciplinary Measures for Violations

Any student found using or in possession of a personal communication device on school property during the school day will be subject to the following disciplinary measures.

First Offense

- The device will be confiscated and stored in the high school office for the remainder of the school day.
- The student's parent/guardian will be notified.
- A written warning will be issued to the student and parent/guardian.
- Only a parent/guardian may retrieve the confiscated device.

Second Offense

- The device will be confiscated and stored in the high school office for the remainder of the school day.
- The student's parent/guardian will be notified.
- Only a parent/guardian may retrieve the confiscated device.
- The student will receive one day of out-of-school suspension (OSS).

Third and Subsequent Offenses

- The device will be confiscated and stored in the high school office until all retrieval conditions are met.
- The student and parent/guardian will be required to attend an in-person meeting with the principal before the device may be retrieved.
- The student will receive three days of out-of-school suspension (OSS).
- Additional disciplinary consequences may be assigned in accordance with the Lubbock Christian Secondary Student/Parent Handbook.

Unclaimed Devices

If a confiscated device is not retrieved within two weeks of notification, the school will issue a second notice to the parent/guardian. The notice will state that the device may be disposed of if it is not retrieved within 90 days of the second notice.

School Liability

While the school will make reasonable efforts to securely store confiscated devices, Lubbock Christian School assumes no liability for devices that are lost, stolen, or damaged while in the school's possession. Parents/guardians will not be compensated for devices lost or damaged while held by the school.

Policy Exceptions

- Students may be granted an exception to this policy if a qualified physician licensed to practice in Texas documents a medical necessity requiring access to a personal communication device during the school day.
- Documentation must be submitted to the high school principal and must clearly describe the circumstances requiring device access and use.
- Any approved use must minimize disruption to the learning environment and may be subject to reasonable limitations regarding time, place, and manner of use as determined by the principal.

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- Authorization may be revoked if the device is used outside the approved scope or disrupts the school environment.
- Students granted an exception remain subject to disciplinary measures for any unauthorized use of a personal communication device.