



Cell Phone, Smart Watches, & Personal Electronic Devices Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to be supportive of an environment that is focused on teaching & learning and to reduce interruptions & distractions from cell phones, smart watches, and personal electronic devices.

Policy

During the school day between 8:05a - 3:20p, electronic communication devices including cell phones, earbuds, and/or gaming devices are not permitted in classrooms, academic settings, or chapel. They are never permitted in restrooms or locker rooms. Smart watches are allowed, but must be placed in silent mode and only be used for timekeeping. Electronic devices brought into school must be on silent mode and locked in a locker for middle school and high school students or in back packs for elementary students.

Expectations

- Cell phones may be used on school grounds before 8:05 am and after 3:20pm.
- ALCS will work with families to accommodate students with specific communication needs or electronic device concerns.
- To teach responsibility, high school students may use their cellphones during their lunch period while in the lunchroom. Students must return their cell phone to their lockers before the start of their next class.

Communication

Parents/families can contact the school office to connect with their student in case of an emergency or important need and should not consider their student's device as a means to communicate during the school day.

Enforcement

Abundant Life Christian School reserves the right to adjust consequences on a case-by-case basis, if needed. For example, extreme behaviors that break the law or engage in bullying or harassment of other students may result in suspension.

- **First Offense:** The student's electronic device will be confiscated by a staff member and held in the main administrative office until the end of the school day. Before being allowed to pick up the phone at the end of the day, a student must discuss and review the cell phone policy with a staff member.
- **Second Offense:** The student's electronic device will be confiscated and held in the main administrative office until the end of the school day. The student's parents will be contacted and informed of the refusal to follow the school's cell phone policy. The student will serve an in-school detention.
- **Third Offense:** The student's electronic device will be confiscated and held in the main administrative office until the student's parents are able to come to school to pick it up. The student will receive an in-school suspension and will be prohibited from bringing the electronic device back on school grounds for the remainder of the quarter.