

STUDENT ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

PURPOSE

Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning is committed to maintaining a safe, focused, and respectful learning environment that supports academic excellence, positive behavior, and meaningful student engagement. To support learning and school culture, student personal electronic devices shall be limited during the school day consistent with applicable Utah law.

This policy is adopted in accordance with applicable Utah law, including Senate Bill 69 (2026), and related provisions of Utah Code governing student use of personal electronic devices in schools.

DEFINITIONS

Electronic devices include, but are not limited to:

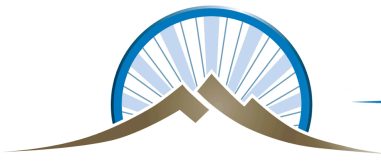
- Cell phones
- Smart watches or wearable communication devices
- Earbuds/headphones
- Tablets
- Gaming devices
- Cameras
- Other personal communication or internet-enabled devices

GENERAL RULE (BELL-TO-BELL)

Students may bring personal electronic devices to school at their own risk. Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, damaged, or misplaced devices.

Unless expressly authorized under this policy, all student electronic devices, including cell phones, smart watches, earbuds, and similar devices, shall remain powered off, not in use, and stored out of sight from the time a student arrives on campus or begins any school-supervised activity before the instructional day, throughout the regular school day, and until the student is dismissed from school or released from school supervision at the end of the day. This includes class time, passing periods, lunch, recess, Mega Crews, restrooms, and all other school-supervised times.

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Communication Procedures

Student electronic devices shall remain powered off and out of sight during the school day. Students who need to contact a parent or guardian may request to go to the front office, where they may power on and use their device or use a school telephone.

Fieldwork Communication

During fieldwork, students who need to contact a parent or guardian may request permission from a teacher or administrator to power on and use their device in a designated location or at a designated time. School staff may also provide access to a school telephone when appropriate.

EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions may be granted for:

- Medical needs or health plans
- IEP / Section 504 accommodations
- Documented family emergencies
- Safety emergencies
- Administrative approval for documented educational, family, health, or operational necessity consistent with School policy and applicable law.

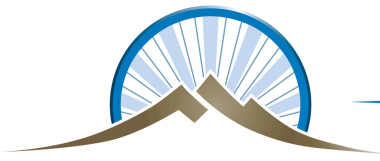
Requests for ongoing exceptions should be made to the Director or designee.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Students may not use electronic devices to:

- Cheat or engage in academic dishonesty;
 - Bully, harass, threaten, intimidate, or retaliate against others;
 - Record, photograph, livestream, or distribute images/audio/video of others without authorization;
 - Access, store, or share inappropriate, unlawful, or disruptive content;
 - Disrupt instruction, supervision, transportation, or school operations;
 - Violate the privacy, safety, or rights of others;
 - Use devices in restrooms, locker rooms, counseling offices, health rooms, or other private areas;
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- Violate any School technology, conduct, or acceptable use policy.

Prohibited conduct includes off-campus electronic conduct directed toward students or staff that materially disrupts the school environment, interferes with student safety or learning, or violates applicable law or School policy.

CONFISCATION / SEARCH

Authorized administrators, or designated school personnel acting within their duties, may require a student to surrender an electronic device when this policy is violated or when reasonably necessary to maintain safety or order. Devices may be temporarily confiscated and returned in accordance with School procedures.

School officials may inspect an electronic device only when permitted by law and based upon reasonable suspicion of a violation of School policy, threat to safety, or unlawful conduct. Any inspection shall be reasonably related in scope to the circumstances giving rise to the suspicion.

PROGRESSIVE CONSEQUENCES

Violations of this policy may result in one or more of the following consequences:

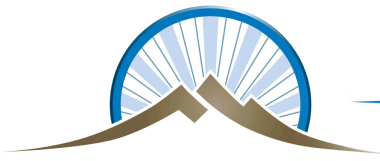
1. Warning, reminder, or redirection;
2. Temporary confiscation of the device;
3. Parent or guardian pick-up requirement;
4. Loss of device privileges;
5. Detention, restorative action, or other school discipline;
6. Suspension for repeated, defiant, or serious misconduct, consistent with School policy and applicable law.

Consequences may vary based on the student's age, severity of the violation, intent, prior violations, cooperation, and impact on the learning environment.

Consistent with the Promontory belief that "We Are Crew, Not Passengers", students are expected to take responsibility for their choices, remain fully engaged in learning, and contribute positively to the school community.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

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Parents or guardians needing to contact students during the school day shall do so through the school office in order to protect instructional time, student safety, and compliance with School policy. Students may request assistance from the office or an administrator when communication with a parent or guardian is reasonably necessary due to illness, schedule changes, family matters, or other legitimate needs. In emergencies, the School will make reasonable efforts to facilitate prompt communication.

FIELDWORK / ACTIVITIES / TRANSPORTATION

This policy applies during fieldwork, extracurricular activities, school fieldwork transportation, and all other school-sponsored events. Limited alternative expectations may be established by the supervising employee or administration when reasonably necessary for safety, communication, travel logistics, or the nature of the activity. Any such expectations may be restricted, modified, or revoked at any time.

NOTICE

This policy shall be published in student and family handbooks and communicated through other reasonable means as determined by the School. The Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning Board of Directors may amend this policy consistent with applicable law, and administration may establish procedures for implementation and enforcement.

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