

Smith Elementary Mobile Device Expectations

The following rules/guidelines are based on the secondary schools' guidelines. Some guidelines have been changed or added that are specific to Smith Elementary.

Possession of Electronic Communication Devices

Frisco ISD secondary schools will allow the use of electronic communication devices by students at specified times. Information about this can be found on the district's website. At Smith Elementary, we allow 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students to bring a mobile learning device. Mobile learning devices include but are not limited to the following: cell phones, smart phones, mp3 players, iPod Touches, iPads, iPad minis, laptops, and eReaders.

It is not mandatory for students to bring their own mobile learning devices. When electronic devices are used to enhance student learning in the classroom, students without a personal device will be provided access to an appropriate digital device. Students who choose to bring their personal devices must log in and use the Frisco ISD filtered wireless network during the school day.

NOTE: Students bring electronic communication devices to school at their own risk. The District will not be held responsible if a phone or other item is lost, stolen, or misplaced, including those that have been confiscated. At Smith, classroom teachers will provide a secure location for students to store their devices when not using them.

Students may utilize electronic communication devices in the classroom for educational purposes when the teacher deems appropriate. Use of electronic communications devices during the school day is a privilege. Adherence to the guidelines below is essential to maintaining an academic environment and the integrity of the classroom.

Guidelines: Students must comply with staff directives, including but not limited to, using appropriate device volume. When in use, devices must be on vibrate or silent mode so that no audible tone is heard.

Using functions on electronic devices in any manner that disrupts the educational environment, from within or from outside the classroom, or violates the rights of others, including, but not limited to using the device to cheat, violate school conduct rules, harass or bully staff or students or use their device for unlawful purposes will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension, expulsion and will be reported to the local authorities.

Cell Phone Rule: At Smith, students must ask permission from a staff member to place a call or text on their cell phone during the school day (arrival to dismissal). All cell phone conversations during the school day should only take place under the supervision of staff personnel and during non-instructional time.

Using any device that permits recording the voice or image of another in any way that either disrupts the educational environment, invades the privacy of others, or is made without the prior consent of the individuals being recorded is prohibited. Also, using any device that permits recording the voice or image of another to take, disseminate, transfer or share audio, images, video or photographs that reveal private parts of the body that are ordinarily covered by clothing is prohibited. The possession of pornographic images or video on any electronic device is prohibited.

At Smith, students will not be allowed to take pictures, video, or recordings of other students or staff using their own devices while at school. If pictures, videos, or recording is necessary for an activity, the school will supply the appropriate device.

Penalties:

Violation of the electronic communication device guidelines will result in confiscation of the device.

If a student uses such a device, leaves the device turned on, or displays the device during this time, it will result in confiscation of the device. The device will only be returned to a parent or guardian.

- The first offense will result in the device being taken up and returned to the parent with a warning for the student/parent.
- The second offense will result in a \$15 fine being required before the device is returned to the parent.
- The third offense will result in an additional \$15 fine being required before the device is returned to the parent.
- A fourth offense will result in the device being confiscated for the remainder of the school year and an additional \$15 fee being required for the return.

Parents will be notified the same day a device has been confiscated and may set a time to pick up the device and pay the fine if applicable. If the parent refuses to pick up the phone or pay the fine, the company whose name and address appear on the device will be notified if applicable.

Disposal:

If the device is not picked up by the end of the school year, it will be disposed of following district guidelines.

Misuse of Computers, Electronic Devices and the Internet

- Violating policies, rules, or guidelines.
- Using the Internet or other electronic communications to threaten students or employees or cause disruption to the educational program.
- Sending or posting electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
- Using email or Web sites at school to encourage illegal behavior or threaten school safety.