



A+ Charter Schools 2025-26

Electronic Device Usage Policy

Purpose

In alignment with Arizona House Bill 2484 (2024) and our mission to provide a focused, distraction-free learning environment, A+ Charter Schools is extending the Junior High electronic device policy to include all High School students.

Policy Statement

- All students (Grades 6–12) are prohibited from accessing, displaying, or using personal electronic devices—including cell phones, smart watches, earbuds/airpods, and tablets—during the school day.
- At the start of the school day, students must place their device(s) in a locked storage box located in their 7th-period classroom.
- Devices will remain secured until the end of 7th hour, at which time they will be returned.

Exceptions

- Medical or health-related needs with prior written administrative approval.
- Accommodations outlined in IEPs/504 Plans.
- Administrative approval for instructional purposes.
- Emergency situations (students may access classroom or office phones).

Enforcement

- First Violation: Device confiscated; returned to a parent/guardian at the end of day.
- Second Violation: Device confiscated; parent conference required; student assigned Friday

School (8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.).

- Third Violation & Beyond: Student placed on a Behavior Contract; further disciplinary measures may follow per the Student Code of Conduct.

Responsibility & Storage

- Locking storage boxes are provided in each 7th-period classroom.
- The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen devices. Students are strongly encouraged to secure devices properly.

Rationale

- Creates an environment free from digital distractions.
- Encourages stronger peer connections and academic focus.
- Complies with HB 2484's mandate to limit device usage during instructional time while adopting a schoolwide model to promote equity and consistency.

Board Action Requested

Approval to extend the Junior High electronic device storage and usage policy to High School students, effective October 20, 2025.



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Parent FAQ — Student Electronic Device Policy

Effective date: October 20, 2025. Who's covered: Grades 6–12

What's the rule: Students lock cell phones and personal devices (smart watches, earbuds/airpods, tablets) in their 7th-period classroom lock box at the start of the school day. Devices are returned after 7th hour.

How do I reach my student during the school day?

Contact the front office.

☎ (520) 265-5589

✉ pgonzalez@aplusaz.org, ksaldana@aplusaz.org

What if there's an emergency?

Call the front office immediately. Classrooms and the office are equipped with telephones for urgent student contact.

Can my student use a phone for medical reasons?

Yes—with prior written approval from school administration. Students with documented medical needs, IEPs, or 504 Plans will have accommodations.

Are smart watches, earbuds, and tablets included?

Yes—all personal wireless devices must be secured in the 7th-period lock box until the end of the school day.

What if my student arrives late or leaves early?

- Late arrival: Device should be secured with the office.
- Early release: Devices remain secured until departure.

What about after-school activities?

Devices are returned after the 7th hour. Students may use them after school unless restricted by a coach/club rule.

What happens if my student forgets to lock their device or uses it during the day?

- 1st violation: Confiscated; parent pickup.
- 2nd violation: Parent conference; Friday School (8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.).
- 3rd+ violations: Behavior Contract; additional consequences per Code of Conduct.

Who is responsible for loss or theft?

Students bring devices at their own risk. The school is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft.

Can teachers allow devices for classwork?

Only if pre-approved by administration. Otherwise, devices remain secured.

Why is A+ doing this?

- Reduces distractions.
- Improves academic focus and student well-being.
- Ensures compliance with Arizona HB 2484.

Questions or special circumstances?

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