

CELL PHONE POLICY

At Lydia Romero Cruz Academy, we prioritize creating a focused and productive learning environment for all students. Research has shown that excessive cell phone use in schools can lead to distractions, reduced academic performance, social isolation, and even safety concerns. Therefore, in alignment with our commitment to providing a conducive learning environment, we are implementing a cell phone-free policy.

- **Prohibition of Cell Phone Use:** Cell phones, including smartphones and other electronic devices capable of accessing the internet, are prohibited from use during school hours, including class time, breaks, and passing periods.
- **Storage Requirement:** All students are required to keep their cell phones turned off and securely stored in designated areas such as backpacks, or designated storage bins provided by the school.
- **Exceptions:** In cases of emergencies or pre-approved educational activities, students may seek permission from a teacher or staff member to use their cell phone under supervision.
- **Consequences of Violation:** Students found using cell phones during prohibited times will face disciplinary action, which may include confiscation of the device, detention, or other appropriate consequences outlined below:

1st: Confiscated cell phones will be held in the Student Relations Office and returned to the student after school, with parental notification.

2nd: Confiscated cell phones will be held in the Student Relations Office and returned to the parent after school. The student will receive a 30-minute after-school detention with parental notification.

3rd: Confiscated cell phones will be held in the Student Relations Office and returned to the parent after school. The student will receive a 60-minute after-school detention with parental notification.

Our cell phone policy aims to maintain a safe and respectful learning environment for all students. We appreciate the cooperation of students, parents, and staff in upholding these standards.