



ALVIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Shadow Creek High School
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Kelly Hestand, Principal

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Shadow Creek High School **Electronic Device Policy**

In an effort to increase student academic engagement, improve student achievement, decrease negative social/emotional concerns among students, as well as decrease school safety concerns that result from cell phone use, Shadow Creek High School will fully adhere to the Alvin ISD Cell Phone Policy as stated in the AISD student handbook:

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile telephones; however, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes. (Page 55)

We understand that students have cell phones and smart watches for safety reasons as many of our students are involved in extra-curricular activities, drive, or have jobs. It is for this reason we are not “banning” cell phones/smart watches from the campus. However, students will not be permitted to use them or have them out during class/instructional time unless specifically directed to do so by their teacher.

We recognize that cell phones and smart watches have become a way of life, a technological convenience that has impacted all of our lives in one way or another. However, in the school environment, cell phones have become a distraction, interruption, and a method of illegal exchange of information. We also realize that being able to text your child throughout the day and receive an instant reply has become the norm; however, there are many research studies that show even having a phone face down on a desk is a distraction to a student. Therefore, Shadow Creek High School is adopting the “Not Seen, Not Heard, Not Taken” approach to these devices.

Thus, to keep the focus on academics, promote social-emotional learning, and reduce unnecessary distractions, SCHS enforces the following when pertaining to cellphones and other electronic device usage:

- Use of cellphones/smart watches and other electronic devices, including earbuds, in the classroom is at the discretion of the teacher and must only be used for educational purposes. Teachers will communicate clear expectations regarding usage and it must be aligned to an instructional activity.
- Use of cellphones/smart watches in the hallways will be allowed during passing periods and during lunch; however, cellphone etiquette will be enforced. For the safety of our school, no walking while texting, no sound from videos, etc.
- Use of cellphones/smart watches to take pictures and/or videos in the classrooms will only be allowed under teacher supervision. Students who use electronic devices for other purposes or without permission will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct.
- Earbuds and other listening devices are only to be used with bud in one ear only. They can be used for educational purposes i.e., test-taking, audiobooks, etc. under the direction of the teacher.
- Students bring personal electronic devices at their own risk, considering possible issues such as theft, misuse, and damage.

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- If a student needs to make an emergency call during the day, they are to come to their designated AP office or the front office.
- If a parent needs to communicate an urgent message with their student, they are to call the school and the message will be sent to their child.

For the first offense, the student may pick up his/her device after the dismissal bell. On the second offense and beyond, a parent must pick up the device after the dismissal bell and pay the \$15 fine. Campus discipline according to the AISD Code of Conduct may also be assigned.

We appreciate your understanding of and cooperation with these adjustments to our policies and ask that you discuss this policy as well as the expectations of “Not Seen, Not Heard, Not Taken” with your child before school starts. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s administrator.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hestand

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