

Frequently Asked Questions

Student Use of Personal Communication Devices on School Property SFA Charter School Board Policy Violations and Consequences



What happens if my child uses a personal device during the school day?

1st Offense:

- Device is held in the front office
- Parent/guardian is notified
- Student must complete a **behavior contract**
- Only a **parent/guardian** may pick up the device the next school day.
- Behavior is recorded on a school Discipline Report

2nd Offense:

- The device is held in the front office
- Parent/guardian is notified
- The student must complete a **behavior contract**
- Only a **parent/guardian may pick up** the device the next school day
- Behavior is recorded on a school Discipline Report

3rd Offense:

- The device is held in the front office
- Parent/guardian is notified
- The student must complete a **behavior contract**
- Only a **parent/guardian may pick up** the device on the next school day
- Behavior is logged in the student's record
- Additional documentation of the incident in behavior records
- Treated as a **serious offense per SFACS Student Code of Conduct**

Device Pickup Hours

- 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Only a **parent or guardian** may retrieve a confiscated device. Students are **not permitted** to pick up their own device.

Communication & Emergencies

How can I contact my child during the school day?

Please contact the campus front office through email or phone. Staff will relay your message

Does the school have the right to collect my child's phone?

Yes. Under House Bill 1481, schools may enforce policies that include collecting personal communication devices when they are used during the instructional day.

What if there is a school emergency?

In the event of a school emergency, teachers and administrators guide students through established safety protocols, such as lockdowns or evacuations. During a lockdown, students are expected to remain silent and out of sight to protect themselves and others. SFACS is equipped with multiple systems to immediately contact 911 and request emergency assistance.

As a reminder, if a campus initiates a significant safety protocol such as a lockdown or evacuation, parents will receive a notification through the university's emergency messaging system with important updates and next steps.

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