

Student Cell Phone

Use

Cell phones or any electronic devices will not be allowed/permitted in the classroom or other school activity, including field trips. Parents who wish to communicate with the school about their child for any reason are encouraged to notify the school office. Students may access a school phone under the supervision of a staff member to call home, if ill or in case of emergency, etc. Recognizing that many students have cell phones due to safety needs, Lafayette Academy Middle School has established a process for students to check in cellular/electronic devices. Cell phones must be checked in with a member of the culture team before entering the homeroom. Bus students will drop off their phones in the designated bins for bus colors into personal Ziploc bags. Walkers and car riders will drop off their phones in personal Ziploc bags in their designated bins. Students who are tardy will turn phones to a front office team member. Cellular phones will be secured and returned to students at the end of the school day. ***The school shall not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged cell phones or devices.***

If a student does not turn in his or her cell phone according to the policy, the cell phone will be collected by a member of the culture team and:

1st offense: parent contacted and a parent or legal guardian must pick up the phone

2nd offense: parent contacted and the cell phone will be returned to a parent or legal guardian after 1 week

3rd offense: parent contacted, student receives a 1 day out of school suspension and the cell phone will be returned after 30 days

Consequences for improper internet/computer usage

Access to the school's internet service is a privilege not a right. The school reserves the right to deny, revoke or suspend specific user privilege and/or to take other disciplinary action, up to and not including suspension and/or recommendation for expulsion or contacted law enforcement for any illegal activity performed on the school's internet and/or computer. The school will advise appropriate law enforcement agencies of illegal activities conducted through the school's internet service. The school also will cooperate fully with local, state, and/or federal officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities conducted through the service.

Computer Usage

Any Chromebook, laptop, hotspot or other technology distributed by the school is the school's property. Parents and guardians are responsible for any loss, theft, or damage and may be charged up to \$250.

Computer/Internet Privacy

Internet messages are public communication and are not private. All communication including text and images may be disclosed to law enforcement or other third parties without prior consent of the sender or the receiver. Network administrators may review communications to maintain integrity system-wide and ensure that users are using the system responsibly.

Computer/Internet Safety

The following are basic safety rules pertaining to all types of internet applications:

- Never reveal any identification information such as names, age, address, phone numbers, parents' names, parents' employers or work addresses, or photographs.
- Use the "back" key whenever you encounter a site that you believe is inappropriate or make you feel uncomfortable.

- A student should immediately tell a teacher or staff if they receive a message that they believe is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Never share your password or use another person's password. Internet passwords are provided for each user's personal use only. If a student suspects that someone has discovered their password, they should change it immediately and notify a teacher.