



**CELL PHONES, SMARTPHONES, PAGERS &
OTHER ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES POLICY**

The Lighthouse Community Public Schools (“LCPS” or the “Charter School”) Board of Directors recognizes the potential for cell phones, smartphones, pagers, bluetooth headphones (including airpods) and electronic signaling devices (hereinafter collectively referred to as “private devices”) to disrupt the learning environment of the Charter School, and adopts this Policy to permit students to possess, but not use private devices while on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities, or under the supervision of Charter School employees, except as otherwise provided in this Policy. Students who possess any private devices must always keep them turned off and out of view while on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities and functions. To promote this requirement, all private devices must be stored securely in approved storage pouches during the school day. Charter School teachers, administrators, and staff will confiscate any private devices used by a student in violation of this Policy.

All students are required to adhere to the following guidelines regarding private devices:

Private devices may be used:

- Off campus before or after school.
- In pick up/drop off zones (only with staff permission)
- Before or after any Charter School sponsored activity occurring before or after the regular school day.
- In the case of an emergency or in response to a perceived threat of danger.
- When a teacher or administrator of the Charter School grants permission to a student to possess or use a private device, subject to any reasonable limitation imposed by that teacher or administrator.
- When a licensed physician and surgeon determines that the possession or use of a private device is necessary for the health or well-being of the student.
- When the possession or use of a private device is required in a student’s individualized education program (“IEP”).

Private devices shall be turned off and secured in approved storage pouches and shall not be used:

- During instructional classroom time, including assemblies, and any other school activity, which takes place during the regularly scheduled school day on or off campus.
- During break periods, recess, between class periods, or during lunch.
- During events sponsored by the Charter School held before or after regular school hours.
- On field trips or excursions sponsored by the Charter School.

Possession of private devices is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this Policy. All Charter School employees shall remove any private device from the possession of a student found to be violating this Policy. If a private device is heard ringing, beeping, or buzzing from inside a jacket, purse, backpack, or other similar article, whether within the immediate presence of the student or not, a Charter School employee may remove the private device and confiscate the private device. Parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up any confiscated private devices at the end of the regular school day or at the conclusion of a Charter School sponsored activity.

All students are required to store their private devices in approved, secured storage pouches provided by the Charter School during the school day. Private devices may only be removed with express permission from Charter School staff under the conditions described in this Policy.

In addition to this Policy, all other applicable Charter School student discipline policies and rules shall apply to any student who fails to comply with the requirements of this Policy.

Students who possess any private device(s) shall assume sole responsibility for the maintenance and care of any such private device(s) in accordance with this Policy. At no time shall the Charter School be responsible for preventing theft, loss or damage to any private devices brought onto campus or at Charter School sponsored activities.

Consequences if Policy is Violated

1. On first offense, Item taken until end of day or returned to student at end of day
2. On second offense, Phone returned ONLY to parent/guardian

Note: repeated violations of this policy may result in the development of a specific agreement between the student, parent/guardian, and school around electronics.