



RESOLUTION NO.: 2026.067

### **Student Personal Device Policy**

Great Valley Academy recognizes that personal electronic devices can both support and disrupt learning. The purpose of this policy is to promote student engagement, minimize instructional distractions, support student well-being, and foster a safe and focused educational environment consistent with California Education Code section 48901.7.

#### **Scope of Policy**

This policy applies to all students while:

- On campus
- During instructional time
- During passing periods
- During lunch and recess
- During school-sponsored events unless otherwise specified

#### **Student Smartphone Expectations**

##### **During the School Day:**

- Smartphones and all personal electronic devices (e-readers, smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, etc.) must be **powered off or silenced**.
- Devices must be **stored out of sight** (backpack, locker, designated classroom storage system).
- Devices may not be used during class transitions, recess, or lunch unless specifically authorized by GVA staff.

#### **Permitted Exceptions**

Use of personal devices may be permitted under the following circumstances:

1. **Instructional Use:** When explicitly authorized by a teacher for a defined educational purpose.
2. **Health or Safety Needs:** When required by a student's IEP, 504 Plan, or documented medical need.
3. **Emergency Situations:** In alignment with GVA's Comprehensive School Safety Plan.
4. **Administrator Authorization:** Temporary approval for specific circumstances.

**Instructional Technology Clarification**

This policy does not apply to:

- School-issued devices used for academic purposes
- Teacher-directed technology use

**Accountability & Support**

GVA approaches this policy through a lens of:

- Clear expectations
- Consistent enforcement
- Restorative conversations
- Progressive discipline when necessary

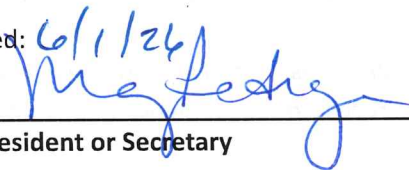
Possible responses to violations may include:

1. Reminder and redirection
2. Device temporarily held in the office
3. Parent notification
4. Repeated violations addressed through restorative or disciplinary process

**Parent Communication**

Families are encouraged to:

- Avoid texting students during school hours
- Contact the school office if urgent communication is needed
- Support students in developing healthy digital habits

Date Approved: 6/1/26  
  
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 Signature, President or Secretary

Board Action: Motion - Bradley Second - Wahid

AYES: Hoffman, Pedraya, Bradley, Wahid

NAYS: None

ABSENT: ~~None~~ Villanueva

ABSTAIN: None