



# SUGAR VALLEY RURAL CHARTER SCHOOL

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Parents/Guardians,

We are finding that the students are using their cell phones at inappropriate times of the day. When a student is texting and scrolling during instructional time, learning cannot take place. We would prefer that students keep their cell phones at home or in their cars as they may ask for permission in the main office to call home if they have an emergency. However, we are asking you to please support the school and have a conversation with your children concerning the proper use of their cell phones. School rules concerning cell phones are in the student handbook which is listed below for your review.

## **Electronic Communication and Listening Device Procedure**

SVRCS acknowledges that electronic communication devices are beneficial when used for educational purposes. However, we also believe that ordinary use of these devices can be highly disruptive to the educational process which is not acceptable.

**All student electronic communication and listening devices will not be permitted to be used or seen at any time during their eight-period class schedule. All electronic communication and listening devices will be put away, unseen, and unused during this time.** Students may use their electronic communication and listening devices during morning homeroom, during the 3-minute time period in between classes and during their lunch period (grades 9-12 lunch only). **Also, no pictures or videos may be taken of any student or SVRCS staff member without their consent.**

**If these devices are used inappropriately, teachers may confiscate them for the instructional period.** In these events the devices will be returned to the student at the end of the instructional period. Teachers will continue to use incident reports for students who fail to comply with directives given. Teachers can determine if electronic devices will be used within their classroom for educational purposes.

No cell phones, smart watches or any other electronic device are permitted to be with students during the standardized testing periods by state law.

Thank you for your continued support!

Tracie Kennedy, CEO