

Forestville Union School District

Parent Permission and Student/Parent Agreement

Student Possession of a Cell Phone or Pager at School

The Forestville Union School District has a policy that permits students to possess cell phones at school with parent permission under certain conditions. The policy recognizes the legitimate interests of parent/student communication and safety that can be provided through the use of a cell phone or pager.

It is important to remember that no other electronic devices (portable music players of any kind, radios, electronic toys, etc.) are permitted without express written permission from a teacher obtained at least 24 hours in advance for a specific and limited purpose.

Parents who wish to have their child possess a cell phone or pager at school as well as the child who will possess the cell phone or pager at school must sign and return this form to the Principal prior to bringing the cell phone/pager to school.

All students shall comply with the regulations of the school district, comply with the course of study and submit to the authority of the teachers and administration of the schools (Education Code 48908).

Policy 5131: Possession of Cellular Phones (or Pagers)

The Board of Education recognizes that cell phones and (pagers) are components of modern communication technology and that there are occasions when it is appropriate to utilize such tools on the school campus. The District must balance a student's communication needs with the integrity of the school's academic program and all individuals' privacy rights. Prudent regulations and guidelines are important to the safe and effective operation of the school district (48901.5(a)).

No student shall be prohibited from possessing a cell phone or electronic signaling device (pager) that is determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the student's health and the use of which is limited to health-related purposes. The following standards shall guide uses for non-medical purposes of cell phone or (pager) use on the Forestville Union Elementary School campus:

1. Cell phones may not be used on the school bus nor on campus during the instructional day which includes all time after the student's arrival on campus (or boarding of the school bus) until the time of the student's leaving the campus (or disembarking from the school bus).
2. If a student has need to make a telephone call to his/her parents, permission to use a school telephone in the school office may be obtained from the teacher.
3. The capability of some cell phones to capture and transmit digital images is not approved for use on school grounds at any time because of privacy and academic security issues.
4. Cell phones/pagers not used for medical purposes must be turned off during the school day.

Students who do not follow the policy will need to leave their cell phones/pagers in the school office to be retrieved by parents or other adults listed on the student's emergency card.

Continued problems with violation of this policy will be treated as willful disobedience under the discipline policy and subject to all interventions and consequences thus entailed.

In situations where a cell phone with camera capabilities is used to compromise an academic process or to violate the personal privacy of a student or staff member, appropriate disciplinary steps to include possible suspension or expulsion shall be initiated.

In situations where a phone or other electronic signaling device is used to provide text message capability that compromises an academic process, appropriate disciplinary steps to include possible suspension or expulsion shall be initiated.

I have read and understood and agree to comply with the rules and regulations regarding the possession of a cell phone or pager at school. The undersigned parent hereby gives permission for the undersigned student to possess a cell phone/pager at school under the stipulations of the policy.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Student

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent

Cell phone/pager number: _____

Model and brand of cell phone/pager: _____