

## Prince of Peace School Cell Phone and Communication Device Policy

Prince of Peace School recognizes the importance of communication and collaboration, and provides chromebooks for students to be productive in the classroom. However, to keep the focus on our students developing academically as well as acquiring the necessary skills for face-to-face interaction with peers and adults, we feel it's imperative to reduce the unnecessary distractions that our elementary school-aged children are facing.

- All phones/devices are brought on campus at one's own risk.
- Electronic devices such as cell phones/gaming devices and or smart watches are to be turned off during the school day and must remain in the student's backpack~ not in clothing pockets or on the person. Place the device all the way inside of the backpack so that it is not visible.
- Parents must sign the cell phone device policy
- The school is not responsible for lost or stolen devices.
- Cell phones may be turned on after school but must still remain all the way inside the backpack~ not in clothing pockets or on the person.
- Phone calls, texting, and videotaping of oneself or others is strictly prohibited at any time during the school day to include classrooms, library, school-yard, cafeteria, common areas or restrooms.
- All bluetooth devices (including earbuds and headphones), gaming devices, and personal computers or tablets are NOT permitted at school.

If a student needs to contact a parent during the school day for an emergency, he/she must request permission from the teacher and go to the main office to make the call.

### ***After-care***

To promote social interaction, face-to-face communication, good sportsmanship, and play, students may not use cell phones or gaming devices during the hours of 3:00 – 5:30 pm

- **If a student needs to make an emergency/important phone call during those hours they must notify the director for permission to retrieve the phone or make the call from the school's phone.**
- ***Please Note: We have had numerous incidents after school where students on campus call parents to resolve problems that the director has not even been made aware of...this creates confusion and undermines the authority of our personnel as well as your child's ability to solve problems without parent intervention. If your child stays at Aftercare, please encourage him/her to go to the Director with any problems that need to be addressed.***

### **Consequences for Non-Compliance of the Cell Phone/Gaming Device Policy**

- First offense: Warning is given to student and parent is notified.
- Second offense: Phone/device is collected from the student to be picked up in the main office at the end of the school day. Parent is notified. The student must turn the phone in daily to the office upon arrival and retrieved at dismissal.

### **Cell Phones on Campus (for visitors)**

Be considerate with the use of your cell phone on campus. If you are volunteering, please keep your phone on silent. If you must answer a call, do so outside the classroom and out of earshot of other children. Children want our undivided attention, and a cell phone is a distraction for both you and our students.

**Prince of Peace**  
**Cell Phone and Device Policy Form 2024-2025**  
**Please sign and return the form below**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed the rules and regulations with my student(s) and we agree to comply. We understand that cell phones and smartwatches must be turned off and put away. We also understand that earbuds, bluetooth devices, and gaming devices are NOT permitted at school.

\_\_\_\_\_ My student has permission to bring a cell phone to school. He/she understands the rules listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am NOT planning on sending a cell phone with my student.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_