



# Long Valley Charter School

*A Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation*

## Student Cell Phone/Personal Electronics Use Policy

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Long Valley Charter School (LVCS) is a nonprofit public benefit corporation that operates two individual charter schools: Long Valley School and Thompson Peak Charter School. This policy applies to both schools equally and the schools are collectively referred to as "Charter School."

It is the policy of Long Valley Charter School (LVCS) to provide an instructional environment free of student distractions caused by cell phones, smart watches and/or personal electronic devices (devices). This policy will address the unauthorized use of student devices.

### **Limiting or Prohibiting the Use of Smartphones, Smart Watches, and/or Personal Electronic Devices on the Charter School Campus**

Devices are not permitted at any time during the school day, including recess and meal breaks. Devices must remain off in the student's backpack or left at home.

### **Consequences**

If a student is seen possessing a device during the school day, including recess and meal breaks, it will be surrendered to staff. The following consequences will be enforced.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Staff will lock up the device for the remainder of the day.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Staff will lock up the device for the remainder of the school day and a parent/guardian must retrieve it.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Staff will lock up the device for the remainder of the day and contact parent/guardian. Device will be delivered to the teacher upon arrival to campus and locked for the day for a period of 30 school days.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Devices will not be permitted at the school for the rest of the school year.

Where allowed, it is the student's responsibility to retrieve the phone at the end of the day.

### **Exceptions**

Limited exceptions to this policy may be permitted at the discretion of school staff for specific, school-approved purposes. These may include field trips, emergency situations, health or safety needs, or circumstances in which a student must contact a parent/guardian at the direction or with the permission of school staff. Any approved device use will be supervised and limited to the approved purpose. Student-initiated use outside of these exceptions is not permitted.