

## **Alder Grove Charter School**

### **Student Cell Phone/Smartphone/Smart Device Use Policy**

#### **Student Cell Phone/Smartphone/Smart Devices Use During Instructional Time**

Alder Grove Charter School (AGCS) implements this policy restricting student cell phone/smartphone/smart device use during instructional time to support a safe and focused learning environment. AGCS follows the adopted cell phone/smartphone/smart device-use policy and communicates expectations to students, staff, and families.

#### **1. Instructional Time Restrictions**

Students are expected to keep cell phone/smartphones/smart devices silenced and out of sight during instructional time, which includes classes, assessments, meetings with a teacher/tutor, Learning Lab, other labs, and the Wellness Center, unless an approved exception applies.

- *AGCS staff will provide specific guidance to students on where devices should be stored/located while on-campus.*

#### **2. Exceptions**

Student cell phone/smartphone/smart device-use may be permitted during instructional time under the following exceptions:

- **Emergencies:** When necessary for student or learning center safety, including threats or emergency response.
- **Disability-related needs:** When use is required to support a student with a disability as documented in an IEP, 504 Plan, or other applicable plan.
- **Medical needs:** When use is required for a documented medical condition or health-related need.
- **Staff Permission:** When a teacher or administrator of AGCS grants permission to the student to possess or use the cell phone/smartphone/smart device, subject to any reasonable limitation they may impose.

#### **3. Communication and Enforcement**

AGCS staff enforce cell phone/smartphone/smart device expectations consistently and provide reminders to students. The school communicates the cell phone/smartphone/smart device-use rules and exceptions to families bi-annually and as needed. Students who have difficulty following this policy may be subject to additional cell phone/smartphone/smart device restrictions and/or a mandatory behavior conference.

#### **4. Review and Updates**

The AGCS Governance Council will review and update this policy as needed, and at least once every five years, and school-site procedures will be updated as needed to remain consistent with the adopted policy.