

FUTURES ACADEMY – ELECTRONICS POLICY for 2023-2024

When class begins, cell phones must be put on silent and put away. Use of electronic devices is allowed during lunch, break times, and during lessons where permission is specifically granted by the staff member in charge. "Electronic device" includes but is not limited to phones, music players, tablets, and laptops. **All other uses are prohibited.** Students are not allowed to wear ear buds in class.

In addition, taking photos and sharing photos of other students on social media without the students' permission is strictly prohibited due to privacy concerns for other students. The use of cell phones or any device capable of capturing images is *strictly prohibited* in restroom areas while at school or at a school-related events.

At times students may be allowed or even asked to bring their electronic devices such as netbooks, laptops, tablets, or other portable computers for school use. Please note that students bring these items to school at their own discretion and are responsible for the security of those items. Futures Academy is not responsible for them if they should become damaged or lost.

If a student uses an electronic device without permission during prohibited times, **the device will be confiscated and kept securely until the end of the day.** There is no fee, and parents will not usually be contacted. Repeat offenders, however, will be handled in conjunction with parents on a case-by-case basis.

Teachers may use a communications system, phone app, or social media groups to communicate with students about school matters and may not share our personal phone numbers. You are always invited to add yourself to such groups as well.

STUDENT: I understand these rules and agree to abide by the policy as stated. I understand that if I break these rules, my device will be confiscated and kept until the end of my school day. ***I agree to surrender any device when asked.***

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT: I support the endeavor of Futures Academy to keep students on task and engaged in learning activities rather than on their phones during class; therefore, I understand these rules and agree to enforce them with my child. ***I will not text or call my student during school unless it is absolutely necessary.*** I understand that my child's phone will be confiscated and kept until the end of the school day if he or she breaks the rules.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____