



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
UNIVERSITY CITY

What You Need to Know About **SENATE BILL 68**

WHO:

All students

WHAT:

Prohibited from displaying or using phones, smartwatches, personal laptops, tablets, and other electronic personal communication devices.

WHEN:

During instructional time, mealtimes, breaks, time between classes, or study halls.

WHERE:

At all University City Schools.

WHY:

Although the new policy is intended to meet the requirements of a new state law, University City Schools are Learning-Centered. From the first bell to dismissal, this policy reinforces student engagement, focus, and interpersonal communication. We are creating a learning environment where students can stay present, connected, and engaged.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

| How can I reach my student during the school day?

Please contact the school office and we can get a message to your student.

| What if there's a school emergency?

The School District of University City has an emergency response plan in place which includes communication with families using SchoolMessenger calls/texts/emails. Per our policy, students may display and use a personal communication device during the school day in the case of an emergency.

| My student needs his/her phone for medical reasons or learning/organization. How will that work?

Our policy does make exceptions when the District determines that the display or use is legally necessary to comply with a variety of federal mandates. For more information, please contact our building principal/special education staff.

| What happens if a student removes and/or uses a device during the school day?

Classroom Procedures:

1. **First Occurrence:** Verbal warning and redirection by the teacher.
2. **Second Occurrence:** Teacher contacts parent/guardian; incident documented in Infinite Campus.
3. **Third Occurrence:** Referral to the office; device confiscated for the remainder of the day; parent contacted.

Chronic Occurrences: Managed by the office in accordance with Regulation JG-R1: Student Discipline, which can be reviewed in the Student Expectations Guide (www.ucityschools.org/seg).

| Where can I get more information?

Dr. Hardin-Bartley will host a COMMUNITY Chat via Zoom on Monday, August 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This session will address questions and concerns related to the policy. Registration is available at www.ucityschools.org/commchat.



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