

# **Math and Science Academy**

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## **524.1 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING STUDY HALL**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth policies and guidelines for students at the Math and Science Academy (MSA) to safely and appropriately use electronic devices (i.e. MP3 players, e-readers, cell phones etc.) during the study hall.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Certain items are 'not appropriate' in school. Any object brought to school that does not serve a direct educational purpose at MSA, unless authorized by administration and at the discretion of the teacher, shall be subject to immediate confiscation and disciplinary action may result. Any such object is considered to be 'not appropriate' if any part of that object is deemed to not serve a direct educational purpose at MSA. One exception is that students are allowed to use electronic devices to listen to music during study hall when asking for and receiving permission from the study hall supervisor. If permission is granted, it will be for that day only and individual ear buds will be utilized.

### **III. USE OF PORTABLE DEVICES IS A PRIVILEGE**

The use of electronic devices during study hall is a privilege, not a right. Depending on the nature and degree of the violation, unacceptable use of portable devices during study hall may result in the complete revoking of this privilege for the entire student body.

### **IV. USAGE OF PORTABLE DEVICES**

**A.** Portable device use during study hall is considered acceptable under the following conditions:

1. Each study hall teacher may opt out of this policy and refuse to allow the use of electronic devices.
2. Each study hall teacher may revoke privileges of individual students based on academic probation, behavior issues, distracting other students, etc.

3. Users of electronic devices during study hall are not allowed to share them; this includes sharing the main device, earbuds/headphones, and E-readers.
4. Users of electronic devices during study hall will keep the device on their table/desk to allow the study hall teacher to supervise its appropriate use.

## **V. IMPLEMENTATION; POLICY REVIEW**

- A. MSA administration may develop appropriate user notification forms, guidelines and procedures necessary to implement this policy for submission to the Board of Directors (BOD) for approval. Upon approval by the BOD, such guidelines, forms and procedures shall be an addendum to this policy.
- B. The administration shall revise the user notifications, including student and parent notifications, if necessary, to reflect the adoption of these guidelines and procedures.
- C. MSA's Electronic Device Usage policies and procedures are available for review by all parents, guardians, staff and members of the community.