

**Student - Policy on Electronic Devices Usage in the Classroom**



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**Policy Category: General Administrative**

**Policy Owner: Associate Dean for Educational Administration**

**Policy Audience: Student Council, Faculty, Associate  
Dean for Student Affairs**

**1. Definitions:**

**2. Leadership Council Review:**

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**3. Introduction / Purpose:**

Technology use in the classroom is intended to enhance the learning environment for all students, and any use of technology that substantially degrades the learning environment is prohibited. It is the Course Director(s) and faculty who determine whether the student use of technology degrades the learning environment.

**4. Governance and Enforcement:**

Associate Dean for Education Administration

**5. Policy:**

**Cellular Telephones:** Students should turn off cell phones when they enter the classroom and refrain from sending and receiving calls and text messages while in the classroom. If a student has a legitimate reason to remain reachable by cell phone the student should ask for the Course Director's permission (in advance) to have the cell phone on during class.

**Laptop Computers:** Using laptop computers in the classroom to take notes and for any other use authorized by the Course Director(s) is allowed. However, the use of laptops to instant message, play games, and surf the internet during class time is prohibited. The Course Director(s) can disallow the use of laptop computers in the classroom at any time.

**Electronic Devices and Academic Dishonesty:** The Course Director(s) and faculty will also evaluate the potential for academic dishonesty with various devices and ban or limit their use on this basis. In order to create the atmosphere that is simulates that of what is expected for Board

or Certification Exams, no electronic devices except those authorized by the instructor or course director may be used when taking examinations.

If a proctor or exam supervisor observes an unauthorized electronic device in hand during an examination, this action will be considered a breach of professionalism and thus a violation of School policy and maybe referred to the Committee on Academic and Professional Standards.

#### **6. Key Stakeholders:**

Student Council, Faculty, Associate Dean for Student Affairs