

## **Cell Phone Policy for Pecos Cyber Academy a Virtual School**

To support a balanced, distraction-free online learning experience while recognizing the role of cell phones in students' daily lives.

Students are trusted to manage their phone use responsibly during class.

Phones should not interfere with learning, participation, or communication in live lesson

Students should avoid texting, social media, or gaming during live lesson instruction unless it's a break or the teacher has given permission.

If phones are used for class-related purposes (e.g., timers, research, taking photos of notes), students should let the teacher know.

Students may use their phones when working off line or asynchronous time as long as it does not affect assignment completion or class engagement.

During tests or quizzes, students are expected to keep phones out of reach unless otherwise approved.

This helps ensure fairness and maintains academic integrity.

If students need to take an urgent call or respond to a message, they should let the teacher know privately in the chat or step away briefly if needed.

Teachers will provide reminders if cell phone use becomes a distraction during live lessons.

Repeated issues will be addressed in partnership with families to support positive habits rather than apply punitive measures.