



Tucson Preparatory School

Electronics and Internet Policy

Background

Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs signed House Bill 2484 into law in April 2025. This law is scheduled to take effect for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond. It requires all charter and district schools to establish student cellphone and internet usage policies for all students. Arizona mandates that during normal school hours:

- Social media platforms are restricted
- Cellphones and other electronic devices are for educational purposes only (Emergencies, medical issues, and parental contact are exempt)

Tucson Preparatory Electronics Policy

For purposes of this policy, “electronic devices” include, but are not limited to, cell phones, Chromebooks, laptops, desktops, and all manner of devices that can communicate through cellular networks, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, the school’s internet, “hot spotting”, etc.

Students may possess and use cellular telephones and/or other electronic devices subject to limitations of this and other policies established by Tucson Preparatory School (TPS) under the following conditions and guidelines:

- Cell phones and/or electronic devices are to be kept out of view at all times unless directed by staff for educational purposes.
- If a student needs to use a device to communicate with a parent/guardian, the student must first notify the teacher of the need.
- Students violating the policy may have their electronic device confiscated and be subject to disciplinary action as dictated by the governing board's policy on school discipline.

Social Media Platforms Policy

TPS operates a website blocker that restricts social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and similar. It also restricts inappropriate access to online sites that

feature gaming, firearms, adult content (A.R.S. 34-502), and other material deemed inappropriate by TPS and the State of Arizona.

Although the school is able to restrict online access through its service provider, it is not able to control students with their own internet access. For this reason, TPS must formally restrict social media platforms during school hours, 8:30 AM – 2:50 PM, Monday–Friday.

- Students may not access social media or online communication platforms during school hours. (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, WhatsApp, Messenger, Etc.) This means students are not allowed to text, view, produce, post, or share social media content during school hours. This includes both school and private electronics.
- Students violating the policy may have their electronic device confiscated and be subject to disciplinary action as dictated by the governing board's policy on school discipline.

I acknowledge the TPS Electronics and Cellphone Policy

Parent/Guardian/Student 18+ Signature: _____

*Refusal to sign this document does not exempt a student from these expectations