

# California Assembly Bill 3216: The Phone-Free School Act

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- **Purpose:** Requires school districts to adopt a policy limiting or prohibiting student smartphone use during the school day.
- **Goal:** To minimize distractions, create a better learning environment, and improve student mental health and well-being.
- **Exceptions:** Policies must allow for exceptions in specific situations, including:
  - Emergencies
  - With teacher or administrator permission for educational purposes
  - As required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 plan.



# Woodside School General Device Rules and Storage



**Prohibited Use:** To minimize distractions and because the district is not responsible for lost or or damaged items, the use of personal electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, laptops, ereaders, and gaming devices) is not permitted on campus during school hours.



**Backpack Requirement:** If a personal device must be brought to school, it is required to be turned off and packed away in the student's backpack for the entirety of the school day.

# Woodside School Smart Watches and Communication



**Smart Watch Configuration:** Any smart watches worn to school must be placed in “school mode” and configured to function strictly as “simple watches” at all times.



**Contacting Home:** Students are not allowed to use their personal devices to call or text during the school day. Students needing to contact home must use the front office phone, and we ask that parents reinforce this rule at home.

# Woodside School Network Restrictions



**No Wi-Fi Access:** Because students are under the age of 18, they are strictly prohibited from using or possessing any personal device connected to the school's network.



**Protection:** This rule is in place for digital safety and to ensure legal boundaries are respected.

# Woodside School Progressive Confiscation Policy

Any personal devices used during the school day will be confiscated and kept in the school office until the end of the day. The district utilizes a progressive warning system:



**First Warning:** The device is released to the student at the end of the day.



**Second Warning:** The device is released to the student by the principal.



**Third Warning:** The device will only be released to the student's parent or guardian.

