



# Digital Device Policy

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**E Readers:** We anticipate that many students will ask permission to bring their Kindles, Nooks and iPads to school. Our faculty and administration agree that **all students in grades K-8** are more than welcome to bring these devices to school with the sole purpose of using them as e-readers and nothing else. They may **not** bring them to school to for apps, music, social media, gaming, web browsing, or anything other than reading.

**Cell Phones:** Although we encourage all students to make use of their planners we are aware that many students are more comfortable with scheduling important reminders on their cell phones. For this reason we will **allow 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students ONLY** to use their cell phones for these two reasons only:

1. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students may use their cell phones (or e-readers) at the close of the day in their homeroom to input assignment information, due dates, and educational reminders.
2. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students may use their cell phones (or e-readers) if they are enrolled in the elective TECHNOLOGY Explorations class but only during this class period.

Again, as stated above, cell phones may not be used for apps, music, social media, gaming, web browsing. These devices may only be used for the TECHNOLOGY Explorations class and for scheduling assignments and assignment related reminders at the end of the day.

In order encourage students to focus on learning in school and for the students to understand that cell phones must be turned off and left in the backpacks (unless during an **allowed** opportunity as listed above) and that e-readers should be used solely for reading or assignment management, the following consequences have been established for any type of digital device violation. Confiscated devices must always be retrieved from the principal by one of the child's parents.

- First offense—the device will be confiscated and given to the principal to keep in his office for no less than 24 hours. The student will also be issued a double detention to be served the following detention day (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday).
- Second offense—the device will be confiscated and given to the principal to keep in his office for no less than one week. The student will serve a one-day in-school suspension. The student will be expected to complete all assignments and will be given credit for the completed work.
- Third offense—the device will be confiscated and given to the principal to keep in his office for no less than one month. The student will serve a one-day in-school suspension (receiving credit for the work) and pay a \$25 fine.

With each cell phone violation, Redeemer's faculty and principal reserve the right to check the text history of the last five text messages.

Please know that your child is responsible for all aspects of these devices. It is also important to note that should any damage or loss occur to your child's device(s), Redeemer Lutheran School is not responsible for replacing or repairing this item. **Additionally, if your child chooses to use one of these devices for any purpose other than outlined above, or any purpose that a staff member deems inappropriate, the device will be confiscated, the parent will have to pick it up at the office, and the privilege of taking this device to school will be revoked for the remainder of the semester.**

Before your child returns to school with his/her device, please fill out and return the back portion of this sheet. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Thank you, Redeemer Lutheran School Administration & Faculty

# Redeemer Lutheran Church and School

## Digital Device Policy Parent/Guardian Agreement

Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to bring his/her e-reading device and cell phone to school. I acknowledge that should any loss or damage occur, Redeemer Lutheran School is not responsible for any repair or product replacement. Additionally, I understand and will support and abide by the consequences set forth above.

Please check the appropriate boxes that apply below.

- My child does have a cell phone (whether or not the child brings it to school).
- My child does not have a cell phone.
- My child does have an e-reading device
- My child does not have an e-reading device

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Parent signature

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Date