



The Preuss School UC San Diego Personal Computer/Laptop Policy

Purpose

To promote academic focus, social connection, mental well-being, and equitable learning environments, The Preuss School UC San Diego has adopted a comprehensive phone-free policy utilizing the Yondr system. The Preuss Personal Computer/Laptop Policy supports this effort.

In our experience, personal computers/laptops are often used to access non-academic content, mirror cell phones, and bypass school content filters. This undermines our goal of a truly phone/device-free campus.

Policy Overview

1. Scope

This policy applies to all middle and high school scholars during instructional hours.

2. Implementation

- Scholars will use only their school-issued Chromebook for all academic work.
- Personal computers/laptops may be used before or after school, but not during instructional time.
- School devices are pre-configured with the required security settings, content filters, and access to instructional platforms.

3. Storage and Responsibility

- Scholars are responsible for properly storing and caring for their computers/laptops.
- Misuse of personal computers/laptops may result in disciplinary consequences.
- It is preferred that all scholars use school-issued devices and leave their laptops at home. Preuss is not responsible for damages to personal devices.

Consequences for Violations

Violations of the personal computer/laptop policy will be addressed following The Preuss School's **Restorative Response Matrix**:

- **1st Offense:** Device confiscated; returned to parent/guardian only.
- **2nd Offense:** Device confiscated; returned to parent/guardian only; and parent-administrator conference.



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- **3rd Offense:** Saturday School and parent-administrator conference and loss of privileges, including extracurriculars and field trips.
 - **Chronic Violations:** May result in suspension.
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Community Commitment

By uniting this policy with our Phone/Device-Free approach, we are:

- Maximizing instructional time
- Reducing digital distractions and behavioral issues
- Supporting scholars' mental health and well-being
- Ensuring all scholars have equitable access to the same learning tools

Thank you for partnering with us to create a focused and supportive learning environment for every Preuss scholar. Your support makes a tremendous difference in the success of these initiatives.