

Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich: Updated Cell Phone Policy for Middle School Members

Effective Date: April 13, 2026

Objective: To create an engaging and focused environment in our after school programs, we have updated our cell phone policy to balance the benefits of technology with the need for meaningful, in-person interactions.

Policy Details:

1. **General Rule:**

- Cell phones and other personal electronic devices are not allowed to be used during after-school program hours. This policy helps ensure that all participants are fully engaged in the enriching programs we offer.
- Cell Phones will be collected upon entry to the Teen Center.
- If a member refuses to allow their phone to be collected, then a full-time staff member has the right to ask for the cell phone or device to hold onto until the member leaves at the end of the day. The staff will speak to the parents before dismissal.

2. **Designated "Tech Time":**

- The Teen Center will have a scheduled "Tech Time" period from 5pm-dismissal during the week. During this time, children will be allowed to use their cell phones in a supervised setting. This period is intended to give members a chance to use their devices responsibly and under staff supervision.
- Tech Time schedules will be communicated by the Teen staff and will vary according to specific programming needs and School Vacations.

3. **Emergency Contact:**

- The front desk staff is unable to convey messages to members unless it is an emergency.

4. **Exceptions:**

- Exceptions to this policy may be made for medical or emergency reasons. Please discuss any special circumstances with the Teen Coordinator to ensure proper accommodation.
- iPad and laptops provided by Greenwich Public Schools will be allowed during designated times for homework and group activities.

5. **Responsibility:**

- It is the responsibility of each middle school member to adhere to the no cell phone usage policy during program hours and to use their phone only during designated Tech Time.
- Recording video at the Club or of other members is strictly prohibited.
- Parents are encouraged to discuss this policy with their children to ensure understanding and compliance.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us provide a focused and fun environment for all participants. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your site coordinator or the main office.

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Sincerely,

The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich Teen Staff

Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich: Updated Cell Phone Policy

Effective Date: September 3, 2024

Objective: To create an engaging and focused environment in our afterschool programs, we have updated our cell phone policy to balance the benefits of technology with the need for meaningful, in-person interactions.

Policy Details:

1. **General Rule:**
 - Cell phones and other personal electronic devices are not allowed to be used during after-school program hours. This policy helps ensure that all participants are fully engaged in the enriching programs we offer.
 - If a member is repeatedly asked to put their phone or device away, then a full-time staff member has the right to ask for the cell phone or device to hold onto until the member leaves at the end of the day. The staff will speak to the parents before dismissal.
2. **Designated "Tech Time":**
 - Each site will have a scheduled "Tech Time" period. During this time, children will be allowed to use their cell phones in a supervised setting. This period is intended to give students a chance to use their devices responsibly and under staff supervision.
 - Tech Time schedules will be communicated by each site's staff and will vary according to site-specific programming needs.
3. **Emergency Contact:**
 - The front desk staff is unable to convey messages to members unless it is an emergency.
4. **Exceptions:**
 - Exceptions to this policy may be made for medical or emergency reasons. Please discuss any special circumstances with the site coordinator to ensure proper accommodation.
 - iPad and laptops provided by Greenwich Public Schools will be allowed during designated times for homework and group activities.
5. **Responsibility:**
 - It is the responsibility of each child to adhere to the no cell phone usage policy during program hours and to use their phone only during designated Tech Time.
 - Parents are encouraged to discuss this policy with their children to ensure understanding and compliance.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us provide a focused and fun environment for all participants. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your site coordinator or the main office.

Sincerely,

The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich Team