

Family Education Through Christian Homes (FETCH)

Member Handbook Addendum

Effective February 7th, 2025

Electronic and Media Policy

To further the learning environment at FETCH enrichment and safeguard the fellowship of all who attend, keeping in mind the many benefits and risks of electronic devices, as well as maintaining the tension between individual liberties and mutual security, the Board of Directors is enacting the following policy:

Definitions

- Electronic – smartphone, game console, laptop, iPod, etc.
- Media – music, video, game on an electronic device, etc.

Content

- All electronic use should stick to media appropriate for Christians of all ages, giving particular care to avoiding anything violent or explicit. This applies to everyone attending enrichment.
- We should be confident that young children in our co-op will not be exposed (even accidentally) to anything beyond a G rating.

Smartphones

- A smartphone is a personal device. If a student is using a smartphone, they should keep it to themselves and not attempt to share it with other students.
- To ensure the content remains appropriate for FETCH and the device is not shared, students should only use a smartphone when next to their parent / guardian.

Laptops

- Laptops more easily attract attention from other students. Therefore, in the common spaces, they may only be used for schoolwork (homework, online school, etc.) next to their parent / guardian or in a class with the designated teacher.
- Should a parent or guardian wish their child to use a laptop for other reasons, they may take their child to a board-approved private space and remain there while the

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laptop is in use. In the interest of pursuing fellowship, this private space is reserved for one family at a time.

Class

- All electronic use in class, by a student, is prohibited unless initiated by the teacher for the benefit of the class (such as allowing research).
- **Should a student break this rule, the teacher may confiscate their electronic device during class and bring the matter to the board.**
- An exemption may be granted to a student if a particular use of an electronic device will aid them and ways can be found to preserve the learning environment.

Electronic and Media Policy Violation

Failure to follow the electronic and media policy may result in a personal or full ban of electronic devices. The Board of Directors will respectfully operate in a strike system with each individual. Members with continued violations of these rules will be disciplined according to the guidelines of misconduct.