

PLTW – Electronics and “Free Listening” Contract

Cell Phones and other electronic devices can greatly assist and/or greatly distract from learning in the classroom. These policies have been put in place to maximize the effectiveness and minimize the distractions.

There will be **ANNOUNCED** times in our class when students will be allowed to use their electronic devices for instructional purposes.

For example, with permission, phones may be used for setting reminders for assignments, taking photographs for their class websites, calculators, or sharing contact information among group members. **NO TEXTING, OR USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IS ALLOWED IN CLASS.**

**Students will assume full responsibility for their personal property at all times.
Neither I nor the school is liable if your property is lost, stolen, or broken.**

I also recognize and appreciate music’s ability to facilitate a very tranquil and focused environment. Thus, in an effort to provide a relaxing and successful atmosphere in our classroom, I will allow students to listen to music through their phones or computers during these designated times under strict guidelines.

- Music may only be used at times specified by the teacher. They are **not allowed** during warm ups, lessons, directions, guest speakers, quizzes or tests.

Other Rules:

- Students may not share devices (two students with one ear bud in each ear)
- No personal music should at any time be loud enough that others can hear it.
- Don’t be preoccupied with browsing music selections. (NO YOUTUBE or other VIDEOS sites)
- No distracting music centered conversations/discussions/debates.
- **Focus must remain on class work during free listening time.**
- Listening to music is a privilege, not a right.
- Student must have a 70% or higher in the class to have listening privileges.
- Students must also not be missing any assignments.
- Teacher reserves the right to suspend listening privileges at any time.

Please be aware that these privileges are for my classroom ONLY and are only allowed at my discretion.

Consequences:

- 1st Offense = Verbal Warning**
- 2nd Offense = Verbal Warning & email to Parent**
- 3rd Offense = Loss of Privilege for the Class Period & Email to Parent**
- 4th Offense = Loss of Privilege for 1 week and Parent Verbal Conference**
- 5th Offense = Loss of Privilege for 2 weeks, Parental Conference, Admin Referral**

I have read and understood the terms and conditions above.

Student Name (Print Clearly)

Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Name (Print Clearly)

Signature:

Date: