

## **905.7 DISTRACTION-FREE LEARNING**

In accordance with Idaho Code 33-6802, Idaho Virtual Academy is dedicated to fostering a distraction-free learning environment during scheduled instructional time. This policy promotes academic focus and maximizes student engagement by restricting the non-educational use of electronic devices during virtual learning sessions.

This policy applies to all students enrolled in Idaho Virtual Academy. It governs the use, management, and permissible functions of personal electronic devices during synchronous and asynchronous, live and in-person, instructional and assessment sessions.

### **Definitions**

**Electronic Communication Devices:** Any personal technology—including cell phones, tablets, smart watches, and similar devices—that can transmit or receive electronic data.

**Distraction-Free Environment:** An instructional setting in which non-educational use of electronic devices is minimized to ensure maximum student focus on academic tasks.

### **Policy**

**Restricted Device Use:** During designated instructional periods and when students are engaging asynchronously in courses and curriculum, students shall not use personal electronic devices for non-educational purposes. This includes access to social media, texting, or any activities not directly tied to course instruction.

**Authorized Educational Use:** Electronic devices may be used for educational purposes only when explicitly directed by an instructor or the curriculum. Any use outside of these guidelines shall be considered a violation of this policy.

**Emergency and Special Circumstances:** Exceptions for legitimate educational or emergency purposes must be documented and approved by school administration.

These requirements are designed to ensure that the virtual environment remains conducive to learning and are consistent with the state-mandated parameters for distraction-free learning.

### **Enforcement and Disciplinary Measures**

Any student found in violation of this policy may be subject to a range of disciplinary actions, including but not limited to:

- A verbal or written warning.
- Parental notification.
- Further disciplinary measures as determined by administration.

This policy not only complies with the requirements of Idaho Code 33-6802 but also reflects our commitment to creating an optimal virtual learning environment.

### **References**

Idaho code 33-6802  
Phone Free Learning Act