



Dear Journey School Community,

Many students across the grades are bringing phones and/or tablets to school. Please keep in mind that student cell phone use (phone calls, music games, camera, other applications) is not permitted on campus or during field trips. However, when appropriate and with teacher approval, middle school students (grades 6-8) may use cell phones, tablets and/or computers for educational purposes (study aides, word processing, online research, photography, etc.)

With teacher approval, cell phones may also be used for emergency purposes or for arranging transportation after school.

**Otherwise, it is the school's policy that mobile devices are turned off and remain in backpacks or within designated baskets during school hours. It should be noted that students in K-5<sup>th</sup> grade should not bring mobile devices onto campus.**

**Enforcing this policy and monitoring use of mobile devices at school has become a challenge.** Therefore, Journey School has formed a relationship with a new school partner, **CoPilot Family**, who will help us meet this digital age challenge.

Copilot Family is an "app" (short for piece of software designed to fulfill a particular purpose) that we are now using in our digital media classes and middle school. On Journey-owned devices, we take advantage of the following settings offered by the CoPilot Family app:

**Permissions:**

- Disable apps including: App Store, Camera, Downloaded Applications, iTunes, Gamecenter, Screenshots, In App Purchases, Facetime, Web Browser, Siri, Multiplayer Gaming, Explicit ibooks.
- A setting that allows middle school students to research online if necessary.

**Time Blocks:**

- The settings above are in effect while students are in school

**Location:**

- The settings above are in effect when students are on the Journey School campus

**If your child brings a phone or tablet to school we request that you opt in to these same settings. It's easy and it's free.**

Please click on the following link and follow the prompts:

[https://my.copilotfamily.com?page=signUp&ac=YB3TUR&agsc=mqrIkr0KWcdByJQm5HoudzofC&utm\\_campaign=Journey+School&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_source=YB3TUR](https://my.copilotfamily.com?page=signUp&ac=YB3TUR&agsc=mqrIkr0KWcdByJQm5HoudzofC&utm_campaign=Journey+School&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=YB3TUR)

The Copilot Family app can be used at home, too! We encourage you to adapt it to meet your family's particular agreements or needs. For example, if you want to disable certain features while your child is doing homework, or make these features available after homework is done, it's an easy setting. Again, this is completely free.

For more information visit: <https://www.copilotfamily.com>

Best Regards,

Journey School Staff