



ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND APPLIANCES

To maintain a safe environment for students, adhere to state and insurance requirements, and prevent electrocution and fires, University Heights Charter School prescribes the following policy for electrical outlets and appliances.

Electrical Outlets

When not in use, all electrical outlets must remain covered to prevent accidental electrocution. Operations staff should be alerted if outlets are not covered so they can be remedied immediately.

Prohibition Against Lighting Ornamentation

Lighting ornamentation, such as “mini-lights” or “Christmas lights” are prohibited unless on temporary display as part of a performance. Such lights, if left on and left unattended, can spark a fire. When used for a performance, such light may only be turned on for the duration of practice or performance and must be turned off immediately afterwards.

Prohibition Against Heat Sources

Electrical appliances that generate heat, such as portable space heaters, personal refrigerators, electric toasters, and personal coffee makers are prohibited. They are heat sources which, if not properly attended, could easily be the source of a fire.

Microwave Ovens

Microwave ovens, if not properly maintained, can become a source of microwave leakage that can inadvertently impact student health. Therefore, to protect the safety of children, microwave ovens are prohibited in spaces used by children, including classrooms, labs, and libraries.

The school may maintain a microwave for staff use in the teacher lounge and back office. In these areas, a prominent “Caution: Microwave in Use” must be placed to alert pregnant women or people with pace makers that a microwave is in use.

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