

STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY

The use of electronic communication devices such as cell phones, smart watches, air pods/earbuds is strictly prohibited during school hours. Students may not use cell phones or other PEDs at school-sponsored activities to access and/or view Internet websites that are otherwise prohibited to students at school. The unauthorized recording and/or photographing of employees, volunteers and/or students is strictly prohibited and could result in disciplinary action and/or suspension.

Parents/guardians are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the school office. Students are advised to use the front office phone or clinic phone when sick, in order to get in touch with their parent/guardian. At no time should students use their personal cell phone to contact their parent/guardian unless advised by staff personnel to do so.

The school is not responsible for theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to cell phones or other PEDs. Any violation involving illegal activity may be referred to law enforcement.

Student Cell Phone Policy as follows:

- Cell phones/Air Pods must be **turned off (not in Airplane Mode) and put away** before the student enters the building.
- Cell phones must be kept in a student's backpack - **not in clothing pockets**.
- Cell phones may only be turned back on once the student has exited the building.
- Cell phones **are not allowed** to be used in the classroom or with air pods or in-ear headphones unless the teacher gives permission to do so for academic purposes.
- Cell phones **are not allowed** to be used during transition times between classes, during lunch or during bathroom breaks.
- Cell phones **may only be used** under the direct supervision of a staff member.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the cell phone or PED. If the cell phone or PED is confiscated, it will be released/returned in accordance with procedures set by the school.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action as listed below:

First Offense - Cell phone/electronic device is confiscated, SAM given, and student is able to pick up their device in the front office after 2:00 PM.

Second Offense - Cell phone/electronic device is confiscated, student referral given (ISS), parent/guardian notified and required to pick up the device during school hours (7:00am - 3:00 pm).

Third Offense - Cell phone/electronic device is confiscated, student referral given (OSS), parent/guardian notified and required to pick up the device during school hours (7:00am - 3:00 pm). Student will be required to turn their cell phone/electronic device into the front office upon arrival each day and then retrieve their device upon departure for the next 90 days. Note: It is the student's responsibility to turn in their device upon arrival and pick up their device upon departure, administration will not remind or track down the student to do so. Any refusal to do so may result in further suspension and/or loss of school privilege. Any leftover violation days, will carry over into the next school year.

This policy may be adjusted or changed at any time.

Signing below is an agreement to the above stated Cell Phone Policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Student Printed Name