



Cell Phone Policy 2nd Semester 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian of Middle School Students,

Cell phones have become a way of life, a technological convenience that has impacted all of our lives in one way or another. However, in the school environment, cell phones have become a distraction, interruption, and a method of illegal exchange of information. The ringing of the cell phone during class or the text-messaging takes away from the valuable time needed for instruction and most importantly, student learning. We do recognize that cell phones can be a safety/security tool; however, they can be a detriment in the event of a building emergency and our protocol to manage such emergencies in a safe and effective manner. No student will be allowed to possess or use a cell phone during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:03 p.m; with the exception of the student's lunch period, and passing time at their locker. Cell phones must be off and secured in the students assigned locker. Of course, the best security for the cell phone is to leave it home. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen phones. If a student is found to be in possession or use of a cell phone; the consequences will be as follows:

1st offense: Warning-teacher will hold the cell phone until the end of the hour, then the child will be given their phone to put in the locker at the end of the hour.

2nd offense: Write up. The cell phone is given to the office. Students can pick up their cell phone at the end of the school day.

3rd offense: Write up 2nd offense. The cell phone is given to the office. The parent or guardian must pick up the cell phone.

4th offense: Write up 3rd offense. The cell phone is turned over to the office. The student has lost their privilege to bring the cell phone to school.

5th offense: Write up 4th offense. The cell phone is turned over to the school liaison officer to hold onto until a meeting is held with the officer. The cell phone will be returned upon agreement at this meeting. The handbook states, at the end of the year.

Our goal is to create a safe environment, conducive to learning, and free of all distractions that hinder the learning process. This policy is in the student handbook. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the middle school office at 989-539-7194. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Stacey L. VanAntwerp,  
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