

STUDENT CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Understanding that the use of technology, including cell phone/electronic device usage has become an integral part of today's society, possession of these devices shall be permitted at school. However, students shall be held accountable for and taught appropriate cell phone use. Inappropriate cell phone/device use shall include but not be limited to:

- using the device to cheat on tests,
- "sexting",
- using the device to invoke student/parent unrest, (i.e. harassment/bullying/threats/intimidation)
- using the device to take or transmit pornographic or lewd photos/videos,
- using the device to take any picture without a person's permission,
- using the device for personal reasons during class,
- using the device to record a conversation without the participants permission
- other situations deemed reasonable by the local school principal.

Students may only use phones/devices (ipods, blackberries, etc.) under the direct supervision of the teacher or during approved times throughout the day.

Exceptions may be made by the teacher who opts to utilize the device as a teaching tool/class activity. The use of electronic devices is prohibited in the classroom without the request and permission of the classroom teacher.

Students shall place devices in the OFF position before entering classroom unless otherwise directed by the teacher.

Student Consequences for violating the policy:

- 1st offense -Teacher may confiscate the device and give it to school administrator. The parent or legal guardian may pick up the device that day.
- 2nd offense - Teacher may confiscate the device and give it to school administrator to keep for 5 school days. The parent or legal guardian may pick up the device at the end of the 5 school days.
- 3rd offense - Teacher may confiscate the device and give it to school administrator to keep for the remainder of the school year.
- 4rd offense - Student referral to school disciplinary committee who may assign not less than 10 days or no more than 45 days Alternative School.
- 5th offense - Student referred to Superintendent and Board of Education.

* Students whose actions violate State and/or Federal laws (threats, harassments, sexting, pornography, etc) shall be turned over to law enforcement agencies and shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law in addition to school punishment.

** Students who are caught using a device to cheat will also receive a zero on the test and shall not be given an opportunity for make-up.

*** Absolutely no cell phones/electronic devices (student or teacher) will be allowed in testing rooms where state assessments are being administered. Violators will enter consequences at the 4th offense level.

**** "**Sexting**" - is the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically, primarily between cell phones.