

# CELL PHONE/ELECTRONICS POLICY

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal cell phones and telecommunications devices; however, these devices must remain turned off and completely powered down during the instructional day. This policy is intended to support student learning while minimizing student distractions and disruptions. Teachers are expected to incorporate technology as a part of their lesson plans as long as it supports the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Students may use district issued technology (laptops, iPad, etc.) to support the learning objectives in the classroom. The administrator has the final authority of acceptable cell phone usage.

Students may use the telephone in the office in extreme emergencies. Students will not be called out of class for a phone call. Parents may leave a message for students with the school if necessary.

MP3 Players or iPods with cell phone and/or internet ability and/or video and picture capability will not be allowed on school property. *MP3 players and iPods that only play music are still permitted.*

**The district is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen telecommunications devices.**

## Elementary

Student electronics use guidelines during the school day (7:30 am -3:00 pm)

- Cell phones must be turned off and completely powered down during the day.

### Violation of electronics policy:

Elementary students who violate the policy will have the following consequences:

**1st Offense** - Conference with the student and parent or guardian listed on the student contact information contacted.

**2nd Offense** - Confiscation of the device, picked up by the parent or guardian listed on the student contact information.

**3rd Offense** - Confiscation of the device, returned when picked up by a parent or guardian listed on the student contact information, a \$15.00 fee and conference held with the parent.

**Multiple Offenses** - Confiscation of the device, a \$15.00 fee for every offense, picked up by a parent or guardian listed on the student contact information and disciplinary consequences.

***Students who fail to surrender devices will elevate consequences immediately.*** Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

### Parent Expectations:

Parents can help their child support this policy, the learning environment, and our school's mission by:

- Discussing the school expectations with your child.

- Picking up confiscated devices in a timely manner between 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM

## **Middle School**

### Student electronics use guidelines during the school day (8:45 AM-4:15 PM)

- Students may use their personal electronics on campus before 8:45 AM and after 4:15 PM.
  - Cell phones must be turned off and completely powered down during the day.
  - Cell phone use is prohibited in bathroom, locker rooms, changing areas or any area considered private.

### **Violation of electronics policy:**

Students who violate the policy will have the following consequences.

**1st Offense** - Confiscation of the device, parent contacted and returned to the student at the end of the day.

**2nd Offense** - Confiscation of the device and returned when picked up by a parent or guardian listed on the student contact information.

**3rd Offense** - Confiscation of the device, and returned when picked up by a parent or guardian listed on the student contact information, a \$15.00 fee, and disciplinary consequences.

**Multiple Offenses** - Confiscation of the device, a \$15.00 fee for every offense, picked up by a parent or guardian listed on the student contact information and disciplinary consequences.

***Students who fail to surrender devices will elevate consequences immediately.*** Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

### **Parent Expectations:**

Parents can help their child support this policy, the learning environment, and our school's mission by:

- Discussing the school expectation with your child
- Picking up confiscated devices in a timely manner between 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

## High School

### Student use guidelines during the school day (9:00 am-4:30 pm)

- Students may use their personal electronics on campus before 9:00 AM, during lunch, and after 4:30 PM.
- Cell phones must be turned off and completely powered down during the day, with the exception of while student is at lunch.
- Cell phone use is prohibited in bathroom, locker rooms, changing areas or any area considered private, and while driving on campus.

### **Violation of electronics policy:**

Students who violate the policy will have the following consequences:

**1st Offense** - Confiscation of the device, parent contact, and returned to the student at the end of the day.

**2nd Offense** - Confiscation of the device, and returned when picked up by a parent or guardian listed on the student contact information, a \$15.00 fee.

**3rd Offense** - Confiscation of the device, and returned when picked up by a parent or guardian listed on the student contact information, a \$15.00 fee, and disciplinary consequences.

**Multiple Offenses** - Confiscation of the device, a \$15.00 fee for every offense, picked up by a parent or guardian listed on the student contact information and disciplinary consequences.

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### **Parent Expectations:**

Parents can help their child support this policy, the learning environment, and our school's mission by:

- Discussing the school expectation with your child
- Picking up confiscated devices in a timely manner between 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**ALL THE FEES COLLECTED WILL BE DONATED TO THE  
COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) OF CENTRAL TEXAS**