

CELL PHONE POLICY

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The possession and silent use of Cell Phones by students when in compliance with School Board Policy is permitted. Usage must be consistent with the regulations established in the acceptable use policy, must not be disruptive to the educational process, or used in an abusive manner in ways that negatively affect the people or the educational mission of our School District. This policy reflects a good faith attempt to incorporate modern technology practices to enhance the educational and social habits of our students.

The expectation is that students will exercise this right in the spirit in which it was intended.

DESIGNATED ZONES



RED ZONE – Cell Phone Use is strictly forbidden. Red Zone areas of the school include restrooms, locker rooms, main office, guidance office, nurses office, or any area that student or staff have a reasonable expectation of privacy.



YELLOW ZONE - refers to areas in which teachers or staff have the right to place restrictions or limitations to cell phone use. Yellow Zone areas include classrooms, library, gymnasium, auditorium, or other areas under the supervision of teachers.



GREEN ZONE – refers to areas in which the silent and appropriate use of cell phones is permitted. Green zone areas include the cafeteria, hallways, and the courtyards.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Student use is permitted only during times in which they are not scheduled for instruction.
2. Violation of the Cell Phone Policy may include the confiscation of the device and the restriction of future privileges.
3. If school officials have reasonable suspicion that this Policy or other relevant district policies are violated, the devices may be searched *in accordance with the law*, and the device may be turned over to law enforcement.
4. Students have no expectation of privacy when using a district-owned device or when they use their own device during the school day.

UNACCEPTABLE USES

1. Photographing, recording or videotaping of anyone without consent.
2. Communication in any form that is abusive, threatening, demeaning, profane, or otherwise inappropriate for school.
3. Use of cell phone to commit academic fraud or engage in practices that violate acceptable standards of integrity.

Cell phone use is a privilege that may be denied or restricted as a consequence for inappropriate school behavior, including behavior unrelated to cell phone use.