

# Canaan Christian Academy

## Cell Phone Information and Policy

**Statement:** As Christians who are parents, teachers, and students, we must be “wise as serpents and harmless as doves.”(Matthew 10:16) We must know when and how to use technology appropriately and be an asset to the cause of Christ and not a hindrance.

While it is a parent’s prerogative to allow the use of technology, i.e. cell phones, computers, etc., we must maintain decorum and facilitate learning without encumbrances as an educational institution and without harm to a child.

### Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are a part of the everyday culture of the world in general today. They can be used to maintain communication between necessary parties. While a cell phone can be used positively, we believe that during the school hours a cell phone would be a disruption to the class structure and has been proven to be used for inappropriate activity in schools. We require that students turn their cell phones into the office during the school day. The cell phone should be turned off during the day in the office, and students can retrieve them at the end of the day.

Cell phones may be taken on athletic trips and some field trips, but may only be used to communicate with a parent for arrival times. They may not be used to communicate with friends or others. Texting is also not allowed during the above mentioned trips except with a parent.

If a student uses or keeps his cell phone with him during the day, the cell phone will be taken from the student and given to the parent. A second incident will result in a detention. A third incident will prohibit the student from having a cell phone while at the academy.

As long as a student does not abuse the use of his cell phone, we will allow students to take their cell phones on athletic trips and most field trips. Due to this we would ask you to fill out the information on the bottom of this form so that we have access to a student’s number on a field trip if necessary.

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I understand the policy as stated above and am supportive of the school. I give my permission for my child to have his cell phone on school trips if allowed. I also understand the implications of improper use of cell phones by my child.

Student’s name - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell number - \_\_\_\_\_

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Student’s Signature

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Parent’s Signature

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Date