

Middle and Intermediate School Cell Phone Use Agreement Form

It is the intention of the Board of Education to provide a safe and secure learning environment for the students in its schools and to structure the possession of cell phones so that student welfare and safety and the educational environment are not adversely affected. Therefore, every classroom in the district maintains a telephone that students are able to access with teacher permission.

Electronic Signaling Devices

Students may not use or possess electronic paging devices or two way radios on school property at any time.

Cell Phones

The possession and use of cell phones at the middle and intermediate school level are to be used in emergency situations and not merely for convenience. As such, they are subject to the following rules:

1. A parent must *register* his/her child's cell phone with the school by completing and signing the "Cell Phone Use Agreement" form.
2. This form will be kept on file at the school for the current school year. It will need to be renewed at the start of each school year.
3. The cell phone is not for use during the school day and must be kept in the student's locker from the start of the school day until 3:00 p.m. During this time, the cell phone must be turned OFF (no tone or vibrating features should be on). The only exception to this is if the device is being used with the permission of the teacher in accordance to established wireless device procedures. It is important to remember that a student's school day starts the moment the child enters the building. Cameras, text-messaging, and other add-on devices for cell phones are not to be used during the school day. However, students may use their electronic devices during the before and after school periods if they have the permission of the supervising teacher and signed their school's wireless device agreement.

Please know that there are consequences for violations of the guidelines that are outlined below. It is important for you and your child to understand the rules related to cell phones as well as the consequences. If at any time you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the building principal.

Consequences

First Offense: Warning, student puts phone in locker and the incident is logged for record keeping purposes.

Second Offense: Confiscated until the end of the day, and the student receives a detention.

Third Offense: Confiscated until the end of the day, parent/guardian must pick up the phone, and student receives a detention.

Fourth Offense: The phone must be checked in the main office every day OR must be kept at home for the remainder of the year. Cell phones are not for use during the school day and must be kept in the student's locker from the start of the school day until 3:00pm. A student's school day starts the moment the child enters the building. Violations of this guideline will result in similar consequences as outlined above for other electronic devices including but not limited to iPods, iPads, Kindles, etc., not previously approved for educational use by a teacher and registered with the school. Students are personally responsible for the security of their wireless communication devices. Please note that the school assumes no responsibility for personal cell phones and that the decision to provide your child with a cell phone is a parental one. Reports of theft or loss will be handled using the school's usual procedures for lost and stolen items. In making this decision, the parents assume all responsibility for phone charges and the cost of lost or stolen phones. The School District is not responsible for the loss or theft of any electronic device brought to school.

If you elect to provide your child with a cell phone, you must complete the Cell Phone Use Agreement Form and return it to school. By completing the Agreement Form you are indicating that you have read and understand the above guidelines regarding the use of cell phones at school.

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ALL SPACES NEED TO BE COMPLETED ON THIS FORM

Student Name _____ **Team** _____

Home Phone _____

Parent/Guardian _____ **Day Time Phone** _____

Parent/Guardian _____ **Day Time Phone** _____

Cell Phone Make/Model _____

Cell Phone S/N (usually located under cell phone battery) _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Signing below indicates that you have read the School District Guidelines regarding Cell Phone use at the middle school and agree to abide by the conditions of this policy.

Student Signature

Date

Guardian's Signature

Date

Guardian's Signature

Date