

Cell Phone Policy

Our new cell phone policy has been crafted for simplicity:

- 1) Students will not be allowed cell phones, ear buds, and other distracting devices during instructional time (class time). This includes in hallways, common areas, and anywhere on school grounds.
- 2) Students will be allowed to use their cell phones, ear buds, etc, before and after school.

In the spirit of complete transparency and a desire to work with our community, discipline for our new cell phone policy will be structured around a 3-strike system, designed to promote responsible cell phone use and minimize disruptions during instructional time. Here's a brief overview of the policy:

First Strike: If a student is found using their cell phone, ear buds, and/or other distracting devices during class time, they will be asked to store their cell phone safely in their lockers, with direction NOT to access the phone until after school time.

Second Strike: If a student is found using their cell phone, ear buds, and/or other distracting devices during class time, their cell phone will be temporarily confiscated and sent to the school office for the remainder of the school day. The student will be allowed to retrieve their phone at the end of the day.

Third Strike: On the third occurrence, the student's cell phone will be confiscated, and parents or guardians will be required to come to the school to retrieve it. A consultation with administration must occur in order to make a plan moving forward. This is intended to reinforce the importance of adhering to this ministry policy.

We believe that this policy will help create a more focused and productive learning environment for all our students. It will also encourage and highlight responsible cell phone usage and minimize distractions during class time. We kindly request your support in reinforcing this policy with your child and encourage you to discuss the importance of adhering to it.

We understand that there may be instances where students need to use their cell phones for specific purposes or be contacted in an emergency. In such cases, we encourage them to seek guidance from their teachers or the school office. I would also like to reiterate that the office is able to be contacted should you need to communicate with your student.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this new policy, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value your feedback and are always here to address your inquiries.

Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining a positive and productive learning environment. We look forward to your cooperation in implementing this new policy.