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Subject: Important Update: Cell Phone Policy at Chase Secondary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to remind/inform you of an important change that was implemented at Chase Secondary School on November 14th, 2023. As part of our ongoing efforts to create a focused and productive learning environment, we introduced a new cell phone policy that restricts the use of cell phones, ear buds, and other distracting devices during class time.

Cell Phone Policy Overview:

Policy Details:

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

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 progressive discipline model:

First 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.

Second Strike: On the second occurrence, the student's cell phone will be confiscated, and parents or guardians will be required to come to the school to retrieve it, or a consultation with administration over the phone must occur. This is intended to reinforce the importance of adhering to the policy.

Third Strike: If a student receives a third strike, they will be sent home for the day (or have an in school suspension). It is essential to recognize the serious nature of repeated violations and the potential impact on the student's education. After the third strike a parent meeting will be set up to come up with a plan around how to manage the cell phone within the school.

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 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 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 at Chase Secondary School.

Sincerely,

Chase Secondary School Administration