**Cell Phones/Electronics/Tablets**

Students are not permitted to have cell phones (including texting) or any other electronic devices in the classroom during the hours of **7:45 am until 3:10 pm** except for school-issued laptops being used for instructional purposes**.** If a student chooses to bring a personal electronic device to school, including a cell phone, he or she does so at their own risk. Cell phones that are spotted by faculty/staff and/or cause a distraction in the classroom will be confiscated, locked in the office, and returned only to parents/guardians. All cell phones should be **TURNED OFF** and placed in book bags and secured in lockers at the beginning of the school day prior to homeroom.

The following consequences regarding portable electronic devices are in compliance with **Rule 27 b) of the 2019-2020 Guilford County Schools Handbook (pp. 38-39)**: “Prohibitions on the Use of Cellular Phones and Other Electronic Devices - Use of any Portable Electronic Device (PED) for **middle school students**, examples of which include but are not limited to cellular phones and iPods, during the school day, meaning from five minutes prior to the first tardy bell to five minutes after dismissal, is **strictly** **prohibited**.” If a student is observed with these devices, whether they are being used or not (cell phones in pants pocket included), the device will be confiscated for a period of time as described below. Please note that confiscated devices will only be released to a **PARENT/GUARDIAN**.

• **1st Offense: Confiscation and Returned Same Day** - The student’s electronic device will be confiscated and secured in the front office “vault”. Item will be returned the same day to a **parent/guardian**. Parents will be notified by the teacher confiscating the device.

• **2nd Offense** **Overnight Confiscation**: The student’s electronic device will be confiscated and secured in the front office “vault”. The item will be held for an **OVERNIGHT** period of time. The item can be picked up by a **parent/guardian** after this period of time.

• **3rd Offense 5 Day Confiscation**: The student’s electronic device will be confiscated and secured in the front office “vault”. The item will be held for a **FIVE DAY** period of time. The item can be picked up by a **parent/guardian** after this period of time.

• **4th Offense 5 Day Confiscation and 1 Day ISS**: The student’s electronic device will be confiscated and secured in the front office “vault”. The item will be held for a **TEN DAY** period of time and the student will serve **1 DAY IN ISS** (**I**n-**S**chool **S**uspension).The item can be picked up by a **parent/guardian** after this period of time.

• **5th Offense 10 Day Confiscation and 3 Days ISS**: The student’s electronic device will be confiscated and secured in the front office “vault”. The item will be held for a **TEN DAY** period of time and the student will serve **3 DAYS IN ISS** (**I**n-**S**chool **S**uspension).The item can be picked up by a **parent/guardian** after this period of time.

**Students are expected to follow the guidelines for laptop use included in the Student Agreement for Use of Electronic Mobile Devices.** Consequences for Cellular Phone and Other Electronic Devices violations will be in accordance with 2019-2020 Guilford County Schools Student Code of Conduct.

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**Assembly/Concert Manners**

Assemblies are a regularly scheduled part of the curriculum to promote pride and school spirit, to recognize the accomplishments of Mendenhall’s students, and to provide alternate educational and enrichment experiences for students. Assemblies also provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate the best of what Mendenhall has to offer. Students who misbehave in assemblies will be asked escorted out and further discipline may follow.