

Dear Parents and Students,

Jefferson High School will be implementing a new cell phone policy that will require all cell phones to be left in a car or shut off in their lockers during the school day. Our duty is to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment that offers each student the best opportunity to succeed. The decision is made in the best interest of our students, school, and community as a whole and driven to maximize student engagement in learning and in interactions with others.

Updated Cell Phone Policy

Effective January 6, 2020

Students are prohibited from having cellular telephones or other communication devices on their person during the school day. Student cell phones must remain in the student's car or turned off and in the locker during the school day. (8:10 AM - 2:57 PM). Cell phones that are visible, in use during school hours, or not in the designated areas listed above violate the policy. Students violating the policy will have cell phones confiscated by school personnel. Failure to comply will be considered insubordination and proper discipline will be enacted. Cell phones in lockers that are activated and disrupt learning by ringing or pinging are subject to confiscation.

- 1st Offense** Student pick-up at the end of the day from Principal's office
- 2nd Offense** Detention plus parent/guardian pick-up of device(s).
- 3rd Offense** Saturday School plus parent/guardian pick-up

The administration reserves the right to exercise flexibility of all disciplinary actions regarding cell phones. Depending on the severity of violations, the administration may deny the student the privilege of bringing a cell phone on school property.

Parents/guardians are strongly discouraged from texting or calling their students cell phones to pass along messages. If a parent needs to get a message to a student, we request that parents call the high school office. The office will be happy to deliver the message or have the student return the call in order to prevent your student from violating this policy.

I understand and respect that not all students and parents fully agree with the new policy. We will evaluate implementation data at the end of the year and make proper adjustments. Attached are some articles that provide answers and studies on some concerns that you may have. Thank you for the supporting Delphos Jefferson.

Sincerely

Mr Chad Brinkman