

**MORGAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL  
CELL PHONE/TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

**CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES**

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Morgan County High School believes that carrying a cell phone/telecommunications device in the school building is a privilege, not a right. Students who comply with the cell phone/telecommunications device policy shall be allowed to bring a cell phone/telecommunications device into the building. Students shall not have cell phones for personal use during instructional time.

**GUIDELINES for use of CELL PHONE/ SMART WATCH/TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE**

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- Students may use their device from the time they arrive at school until the tardy bell. At this time, students will be expected to lock their cell phone in their locker. They are not to take it to their TAM class.
- Students may use their device in between classes but are not to take the phone to the classroom. They are to lock it in their locker.
- Students may go to their locker before lunch and retrieve their device to take to lunch. At the bell signaling the end of their lunch period, they are to take their device and lock in back in their locker.
- During afternoon break, students may use their device. After the bell signaling the end of the break, the student is to take their device back and lock it in their locker
- At the bell signaling 1<sup>st</sup> bus call, students may go to their locker and retrieve their device to either take home or use while they wait on the bus.

**CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATING the CELL PHONE/TELECOMMUNICATION POLICY**

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**1<sup>st</sup> OFFENSE:**

- Student will be given a verbal warning and reminded that the next time the phone will be confiscated.

**2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE:**

- Device will be confiscated and will be held in the administration offices until the end of the school day.
- Student will receive 2 days alternate lunch seating.

**3<sup>rd</sup> OFFENSE:**

- Device will be confiscated and will be kept overnight. A parent or legal guardian must pick up the device during regular school hours which are 7:30-3:30. Parent must sign or have on file signed consent that they know the consequences for violating the cell phone policy.
- Student will receive 5 days alternate lunch seating.

**4<sup>th</sup> OFFENSE:**

- Device will be confiscated and will be kept overnight. A parent or legal guardian must pick up the device during regular school hours which are 7:30-3:30. Parent must sign or have on file signed consent that they know the consequences for violating the cell phone policy.
- For one week following, student will sign in device at office before school and then pick up at the end of the school day.
- Student will receive one day of In School Detention.

**5<sup>th</sup> OFFENSE:**

- Student will be denied cell phone/smart watch privileges at school.
- Student will receive one day of In School Detention.

**NOTE:** Teachers are allowed to request (via submitted form to principal) to allow students to bring a device to class if it is to assist them with an assignment. Teachers are to inform students 24 hours prior if they are to bring a device.

**DISCLAIMER:** MORGAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL provides lockers with built in locks. We also do not require that a student bring an electronic device to school and therefore is not responsible for any damage or lost/stolen devices.

### **POLICY EVALUATION**

- We will evaluate the effectiveness of this policy through our school improvement planning process.
- First Reading 7/15/19 Date Adopted: 8/7/19 Date(s) Reviewed or Revised: 9/10/19