

# Cell Phone Guidelines

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### Why?

- Distraction to the learning process
- Cyberbullying
- Inappropriate photos and videos being taken and shared
- Physical altercations
- Increased anxiety
- Unsafe learning environment

#### New Guidelines and Expectations

- Cell phones shall be turned off upon entering the school building.
- Cell phones shall be **kept in the student's backpack or locker only** not in clothing pockets or handbags.
- Cell phones may be used when exiting the building at dismissal time.
- Any student who needs to notify a parent of attendance at an after-school activity can
  do so by going to the SMO office or may do so with their cell phone after dismissal

## Where/how can you make a call if you need to in an emergency?

- Main office
- SMO
- Guidance
- Health Office
- In case of an emergency obtain a pass from your teacher and go to one of the above
- Always ask permission

### What you can expect...



More focused learning environment



A healthy reset each day when you disconnect!



Conversations with friends



Consequences if guidelines are not followed.

### South Middle School Mission

At South Middle School, we will provide a comfortable climate where both the mind and body of every child can thrive and reach his or her fullest potential. We feel that the most important people in our school are the students, and the most important activity is effective teaching to ensure successful learning for all of our students.