

Sayville Middle School Cell phone Contract

Technology provides our students with wonderful opportunities to research, explore content, and collaborate with teachers and peers. With these benefits come challenges that we hope to help students avoid. Our school provides access to computers and the internet during the school day. Furthermore, students who need to call their parents should do so using the phone in the main office. Therefore, the use of cell phones in school is a privilege that must be used in an ethical manner. We reserve the right to limit or suspend cell phone usage to any student who violates the following school cell phone policy.

Acceptable Uses:

- Students may use their phones in their classrooms with the expressed permission of a teacher.
- Students may use their cell phones after 3:00 p.m. Cell phones should not be used in the Commons before school begins.

Unacceptable Uses:

Misuse includes but is not limited to:

- Cell phone use in the hallways, Cafeteria, and classrooms without the teacher's permission.
- Recording students and/or faculty.
- Sending or seeking to receive messages that contain inappropriate content.
- Browsing, posting, or uploading content on social media during the school day.
- Responding to calls or texts in unauthorized areas.
- Sending messages or videos about students and/or faculty.
- The use of cell phones to cause a distraction in class or in the hallways.
- Harassing and/or bullying students or faculty.

Consequences for cell phone related offenses will be addressed in ways that include but are not limited to:

- If students use their cell phones in an unauthorized area, teachers may confiscate the cell phone immediately. Failure to cooperate will result in a mandatory PM detention or an in/out of school suspension.
- Filming or taking pictures of students and staff will result in an in/out of school suspension. This includes using the phone to film other students fighting or doing something inappropriate.
- Posting or sharing pictures or videos of students and staff will result in an in/out of school suspension.

Any cell phone brought to school by students will be the responsibility of the student. Administration and teachers will not assume responsibility for damaged, lost, or stolen cell phones.

For the student: (please print) I, _____, have read, understand and agree to abide by the conditions of this Cell Phone Contract. I understand that any violation of the above provisions will restrict my cell phone privileges at school and may result in disciplinary action.

Student Signature

Date

For the parent/guardian: (please print) I, _____, as the parent or guardian of this student, have read this Cell Phone Contract and understand that my son/daughter is responsible for abiding by the conditions in this contract. I further understand that a violation of this agreement may lead to disciplinary action.

Parent Signature

Date