New Cell Phone Policy

Cellular Phones/Electronic Devices
For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal cellular phones and pagers and beepers. However, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes. A student must have approval to possess other telecommunication devices such as netbooks, laptops, tablets or other personal computers.

Cellular Phones and Pagers/Beepers The District prohibits the use of cellular phones and pagers/beepers at all schools during the instructional class time. All students may possess cellular phones and pagers/beepers. However, such devices shall not be visible and shall remain off during the instructional class time. Principals, working in consultation with the Site-Based Decision Making Committee (SBDM), Parent Teacher Association (PTA), campus and district level administrative staff, have the option to ban cellular phones from the campus FNCE(LOCAL). Once a campus has made the decision to ban cell phones, a Parent Notification Letter shall be distributed to all parents and the following documentation must be submitted to the Office of Student Discipline:
1. A copy of the Meeting Agenda/Minutes
2. A copy of the Parent Notification Letter

THIS POLICY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY ALL SCHOOL PERSONNEL. All confiscated phones must be turned in to the principal's office immediately, if possible, or as soon as practicable the day the phone is confiscated. – FNCE(LOCAL)
Campus administrators shall have the discretion to determine the appropriate use of cellular phones during the instructional day and for students participating in extracurricular activities while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities on or off school property. However, all cellular phones must be turned off during instructional class time. **The use of cellular phones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school sponsored event.**
The District is not liable for lost or stolen cell phones. All confiscated phones must be turned in to the principal's office immediately, if possible, or as soon as practicable the day the phone is confiscated. All staff members must place confiscated cell phones in a secure location. Once the cell phone has been confiscated, the following procedure will be used to return the device:

1. The **first time** a cell phone is confiscated, it can be picked up by the student or parent no earlier than the following school day. An administrative fee of $5 will be charged before the device can be returned.

2. The **second time** a cell phone is confiscated, it can be picked up by the student or parent no earlier than the following Monday. An administrative fee of $10 will be charged before the device can be returned. Parents will be notified that the student's device has been confiscated for the second time.

3. If a cell phone is confiscated a **third time**, it will be kept for 30 days. An administrative fee of $15 will be charged before the device can be returned.

4. If a cell phone is confiscated a **fourth time**, it will be kept until the end of the school year. An administrative fee of $15 will be charged before the device can be returned. Any device not claimed by September 1, following the end of the school year, will be disposed of according to FNCE (LOCAL).

5. Any student refusing to give the device to school personnel will be subject to Level I disciplinary consequences.