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****Standing Practice for Cell Phones in Classrooms****

1. ****Cell Phone Storage:**** Upon entering the classroom, students must place their cell phones in a designated storage area, such as a hanging pocket chart with numbers assigned to each student. Phones should be turned off or set to silent mode before being stored and will be retrieved at the end of the instructional period.
2. ****Usage During Class:**** Cell phones are not to be used during instructional time unless explicitly permitted by the teacher for educational purposes. This includes making calls, sending texts, browsing the internet, watching videos, and using social media.
3. ****Emergency Situations:**** In case of an emergency, students may ask for permission to use their cell phones. Teachers will evaluate the situation and allow phone use as necessary. In case of a lockdown emergency the school will send a message to all parents and families. Research has shown in past events that during school-wide emergencies law officials and first responders are hindered due to telephone systems becoming overloaded.
4. ****Breaks and Free Periods:**** Students may use their cell phones during designated breaks such as lunch or recess, as long as it does not disrupt the learning environment or violate school policies. For example, students are not permitted to film other students, staff, or record physical altercations.
5. ****Consequences for Violations:**** If a student is found using their cell phone without permission, they will receive a warning and be reminded of the standing practice. On the second offense parents will be contacted and a record of the contact will be made in IC. Subsequent violations may result in further disciplinary actions, such as removal from the class for a brief time to allow for a period of reflection related to appropriate choices.
6. ****Respect and Responsibility:**** Students are expected to respect the cell phone policy and take responsibility for their devices. Any damage or loss of a cell phone is the student's responsibility.

By following this standing practice, we aim to create a focused and productive learning environment by eliminating unnecessary distractions while allowing appropriate technology usage when necessary that aids in the learning process.

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Professionally yours,

Dr. S. Barbra