



Cell Phone Acknowledgment & Signature Form

August 6, 2025

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In alignment with our core values, Washington Academy is dedicated to empowering the individual student and being a place where students strive for excellence and resilience. In our commitment to developing the whole person, we are making some adjustments to our cell phone policy that promote communication, attention, and focus in the academic environments of a student's day.

Our Student Handbook ([viewable here](#) or <https://www.washingtonacademy.org/wa4me>) now states the following:

"CELL PHONES/ELECTRONICS"

Cell Phones in the Classroom: All students must turn their cell phones in to their instructor at the start of each class period, at the end of each class period students will receive their cell phones back under the direction of the classroom teacher. Permission for cell phone use may be granted by the instructor for specific academic purposes. Students are expected to use their cell phones responsibly and only when explicitly directed by the teacher for educational activities.

Leaving the Classroom: If a student needs to leave the classroom for any reason, their cell phone must be turned in to the instructor before exiting. This includes trips to the restroom, counselor/office visits, or any other authorized departure from the room.

Policy Violation: If a student violates this cell phone policy (i.e., using a cell phone without permission or failing to turn it in before leaving the classroom), the cell phone will be confiscated by the instructor for the remainder of the school day. Repeated violations will result in further disciplinary actions."

Should you need to reach your student during an academic period, please contact the main office at (207) 255-8301 and a message will be sent to the classroom teacher. Your child will also be able to check their phone in passing periods, at locker break, and at lunch. This change will be communicated to our students during the first days of school and reinforced by their advisors and teachers.

As grateful partners in your child's education, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in promoting classroom environments where students are free from social media and communication distractions and where they can fully immerse themselves in the learning process.

Sincerely,

Washington Academy Administration

Signature Acknowledgement

Student Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____