

CELL PHONE POLICY Q&A

1. Q: How do parents obtain an access code for Schoology?

A: [Click Here for More Information on How to Obtain a Schoology Access Code and Register for Your Parent Schoology Account.](#)

2. Q: If my child's medical needs require him/her to possess their cell phone, what steps do I need to take to allow for this to happen?

A: Each child's medical needs are unique in nature; therefore, the following steps will occur to determine if your child will be allowed to possess a cell phone:

1. Parents will need to provide a doctor's note reflecting the medical reason to possess a cell phone.
2. Dependent on the child's program, either the 504 committee or CSE will meet to review the information to determine if the possession of the cell phone is medically and/or academically required.

3. Q: How does my child obtain a lock?

A: If your child needs a lock, please refer to the directions below based on their grade level:

- **Grades 9-12 (WSHS):** Locks will be available for pickup at Freshman Orientation for incoming 9th grade students and during schedule pickup for students in grades 10-12. Locks are available for pickup in the Student Services Office at Wallkill Senior High School. For questions regarding locks, please contact the Student Services Office at 845-895-7153.
- **Grades 7-8 (JGBMS):** Locks will be available for pickup at 7th Grade Orientation and during schedule pickup for students in grade 8. Locks are available for pickup in the John G. Borden Middle School Main Office. For questions regarding locks, please contact the John G. Borden Middle School Main Office at 845-895-7176.

4. Q: What measures will be taken to ensure my child will not miss the bus at dismissal at the secondary level?

A: Building Administrators will be assessing dismissal for the first few weeks in order to collect data to determine if adjustments need to be made to the bell schedule.

5. Q: If there is a lockdown or a fire in the school, how does my child gather his/her belongings in their locker?

A: A lockdown or a fire are very serious emergency situations; therefore, the District's first responsibility is to ensure the safety of the students. After the emergency situation concludes and dependent on the type of emergency, the District will have a process for the students to retrieve their belongings.

6. Q: If my child's phone gets stolen, will the District reimburse the parents?

A: If a phone is stolen, an investigation will occur and a decision will be made based on the outcome of the investigation.

7. Q: *If my child is out of compliance with the cell phone policy, and the school holds the device in the office for the remainder of the school day, how will it be kept secure?*

A: *Phones that are confiscated will be logged in using a system that documents the student's name, time the phone was taken and by whom, condition of the phone at the time it was confiscated, and other pertinent information.*

Additionally, the phone will be locked in a phone locker in the office, where only administrators and office staff have the key.

8. Q: *If I have to get an important, urgent message to my child that is time sensitive, how can I get in contact with them if they do not have their cell phone?*

A:

- Secondary Level:

1. *Call the Main Office:*

- *High School 845-895-7153*
- *Middle School 845-895-7176*

2. *Message the Student Directly Through a District Approved Learning Management Platform (Example: Schoology)*

[Click Here for a Tutorial on How to Access Parent Account on Schoology](#)

- Elementary Level:

1. *Call the Main Office:*

- *Leptondale Elementary 845-895-7200*
- *Ostrander Elementary 845-895-7225*
- *Plattekill Elementary 845-895-7250*

2. *You May be Able to Message Your Child's Teacher Through a District Approved Learning Management Platform (Example: Class Dojo, SeeSaw)*

9. Q: *My child is involved in after school extra-curricular activities or interscholastic athletics. How will I be notified if practices, games, or meetings have been cancelled or rescheduled?*

A: *Administrators are working with coaches and club advisors on the process to communicate directly to students and parents during the school day.*

10. Q: *Can my child have their phone on the school bus?*

A: *Yes, students can access their phones on school busses.*