



# DESERT CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL CELL PHONE POLICY

**The Mission of Desert Christian Schools  
is to pursue excellence in Christian education, foster  
Christ-centered relationships, and endeavor to meet the  
unique learning needs of every student.**

As we continue to strive towards our mission of Desert Christian Schools,  
we have updated our cell phone policy in the 2025/2026 handbook.

## **Cell Phones**

Emergent data clearly shows that cell phone and other digital device use in schools is a distraction to learning. Many schools have gone to not allowing cell phones during school hours, which is becoming a best practice. Desert Christian will follow the no cell phone use when on campus during the official school day, **from 7:30 am-3:30 pm**. Cell phones, headphones, and other digital devices must be stored and kept out of sight (in the student's backpack **not in their pocket**).

***Phones may not be taken to the bathroom***

## **Cell Phone Policy Exemptions:**

- Individual faculty may allow phone usage for class activities, such as brief research, poll-taking, photographing, recording, and other learning uses. Classroom phone usage is at the discretion of the faculty member.
- Medical exemptions with documentations by a licensed provider.

## **Violation of the above Cell Phone Policy will progress as follows:**

- If at any point if a cell phone is out, the student will be asked to surrender their phone and/or headphones to the DCS staff. They may retrieve their phone at the end of the school day.
- Continued violation of the cell phone policy may result in a behavior plan or suspension of the student.

## **2025-26 Theme Verse:**

**“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy,  
brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.”  
1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)**