NEW DISTRICT-WIDE DISCIPLINE POLICIES

Adopted: 8/20/24

Cell Phone Policy

Purpose

This policy aims to limit instructional distractions while still allowing reasonable cell phone access for students before and after school and during non-instructional times.

The use of cell phones, earphones, and other personal electronic devices on school grounds during the instructional day is restricted to promote an environment conducive to learning.

Guidelines for Cell Phone Use

Possession:

- Cell phones, earphones, and other electronic devices must be turned off and stored out of sight during all instructional time.
- Cell phones, earphones, and other electronic devices are permitted before school begins, during passing periods, during the student's lunch period, and after the final dismissal bell.
- Cell phones may not be used in locker rooms or restrooms at any time.
- Cell phones, earphones, and other electronic devices must be kept in lockers or turned off while in class.
- Taking photographs or recordings is strictly prohibited at all times without explicit teacher or administrative permission.

Violations and Consequences

Classroom Procedures

First Violation: The teacher has a one-on-one conversation with the student, instructing them to turn off and put away their device.

Second Violation: If the student is found using their device again, the teacher will confiscate the device for the remainder of the class period.

If a student refuses to give up the phone, see Administrative Procedures.

Administrative Procedures

If a student refuses to give up the phone, the student will be disciplined for insubordination and will be referred to the administration.

First Offense:

- The administration will pick up the phone from the classroom.
- The administration conferences with the student, and calls parents/guardians.
- The student may pick up the phone at the end of the day.

Second Offense:

- The student will be sent to the office with their phone.
- The student's device will be returned to a parent or guardian after a conference.

Repeat or Severe Offenses

Repeated or severe violations of this policy may result in the full revocation of cell phone privileges on campus and increasing consequences related to insubordination.

Prohibited Uses

Students may not use cell phones for any purposes prohibited by the student code of conduct, such as bullying, harassment, or academic dishonesty.

Liability

The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen cell phones or other electronic devices.

Student Signature:_____Date: Parent/Guardian Signature:_____Date: