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Redlands High School Student Cell Phone Policy 2026-2027

Purpose: The cell phone policy at Redlands High School is designed to promote a focused and productive learning environment while ensuring student safety and well-being. By establishing clear guidelines for the use of cell phones on campus, we aim to minimize distractions, encourage face-to-face interactions, and foster responsible technology usage among our students.

Policy Guidelines:

1. Personal Devices in Classrooms:

- Cell phones must be turned off or silenced and out of sight during instructional time (including PE locker rooms or PE classes), unless otherwise permitted by the teacher for educational purposes.
- Students may use cell phones during designated break times (e.g., lunch, passing periods) and before/after school hours.

2. Classroom Exceptions:

- Teachers may allow the use of cell phones for specific educational activities, such as research, educational apps, or projects. Guidelines for use will be clearly communicated by the teacher.

3. Consequences for Violations:

● First Offense in Classroom:

- Verbal warning: Staff members will direct the student to place their phone out of sight for the remainder of the class period.

● Second Offense in Classroom:

- Confiscation of the cell phone by the staff member and written documentation in Aeries. The staff member will immediately contact the RHS Safety Department, who will pick up the phone and transport it to the South Campus Information Desk. The student may pick up the phone from the South Campus Information Desk at the end of the school day.

● Third Offense in Classroom:

- Confiscation of the cell phone and documentation in Aeries. Parents/guardians will be notified, and the phone can be retrieved by parents/guardians at the end of the school day at the South Campus Information Desk.

● Repeated Offenses:

- After school detention, parent meeting with Administration, further consequences as needed.

- These consequences are intended to deter repeated violations of the cell phone policy while providing a clear pathway for students to correct their behavior and understand the importance of following school rules.

4. Personal Responsibility:

- Students are responsible for the security and safety of their cell phones. The school is not liable for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

5. Additional Misuse:

- Use of cell phones for academic dishonesty, cyberbullying, or any illegal activity is strictly prohibited and will result in severe disciplinary action.

Implementation:

- The cell phone policy will be prominently displayed in student handbooks, on the school website, and communicated to students and parents annually.
- Teachers and staff will enforce the policy consistently and fairly, emphasizing its importance in maintaining a positive learning environment.

Review and Amendments:

- The cell phone policy will be reviewed annually by school administration in consultation with teachers, students, and parent groups such as PTSA and School Site Council. Amendments may be made based on feedback and evolving educational needs.

By adhering to this cell phone policy, students contribute to a respectful and focused learning community at Redlands High School, ensuring that technology enhances rather than distracts from their educational experience.