

2017-2018 Student Cell Phone Usage

Starting with the 2017-2018 school year we are very excited that all freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be issued an individual Chromebook for use both inside and outside of school. The Chromebook is a tool to transform the educational process for students.

While technology can certainly enhance a student's education, school administration and educational staff have unfortunately noticed that cell phone usage by students has become a big distraction and disruption to the learning environment during the past three school years.

In an effort to help our students be able to focus on their learning and unlock the full potential of the Chromebooks, we will continue to concentrate on the enforcement of our board of education policy regarding cell phone usage, which reads as follows:

"Devices may not be used for non-instructional purposes during instructional time or any other time as determined by the building principal."

Therefore, **we are going to require that no cell phones be used or visible in classrooms or learning environments this year.** Since only students in grades 9-11 are being issued Chromebooks, there will be times that our incoming seniors will need to use a device for educational purposes. In those instances, our staff will provide them with access to the necessary electronic devices within the classroom setting to support their learning if they do not have one available.

Students will still be allowed to use their cell phones in the halls and the commons during our 8-minute passing time, before school, at lunch or after school. Please keep in mind that calling or texting your son or daughter during the school day has the potential to disrupt the learning environment. If you need to reach your son or daughter while they are at school, please contact the main office at 920-766-6113 and we will communicate the important information to them. In an emergency situation, we will be able to contact your son or daughter immediately.

Please refer to the *Cell Phone Use in the Classroom* section under *Student Policies and Procedures* in the student handbook for specific details regarding cell phone procedures and potential consequences.

Thank you very much for your continued support of your student's learning. If you have any questions in regard to this topic please feel free to contact us.

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