

# THIS IS A CELL PHONE FREE ZONE!

**Policy Statement:** Cell phones may only be used for instructional purposes or with the explicit approval of the teacher while on school premises during school hours. This policy is designed to minimize distractions, encourage focused learning, and promote respectful interactions among students, staff, and the educational process.

## **Guidelines:**

1. **Instructional Use Only:** Cell phones are permitted for educational purposes only. If permitted by the teacher students are allowed to use their devices for activities related to their coursework, under the guidance of their teachers.
2. **Teacher Approval:** In cases where students need to use their cell phones for non-instructional purposes, they must seek permission from their teacher. Approval should be obtained before engaging in any such activity.
3. **Classroom Etiquette:** If a teacher allows the use of cell phones for instructional purposes, students are expected to use their devices responsibly and respectfully. This includes maintaining a respectful volume and avoiding disruptive behavior.

## **Consequences for Violations:**

1. **First Offense:** If a student uses their cell phone for non-instructional purposes without teacher approval, the teacher will remind the student of the policy and discuss the appropriate use of cell phones in school.
2. **Second Offense:** A second violation will result in the phone being confiscated and an administrative fee of \$15 will be charged before the device can be returned.
3. **Repeated Offenses:** For repeated violations, parents/guardians will be contacted, and a plan for improved behavior will be developed. Further consequences may include detention, In School Suspension, or other appropriate actions based on the severity of the infraction.

