



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare for the 2024-2025 school year, I want to inform you about my policy regarding the use of cell phones and smartwatches. Our mission at Jack Yates is to foster strong academic and social skills in a supportive environment, and I believe this policy will contribute to that goal.

Student Cell Phone Policy:

- **Cell Phone Use:** Student use of cell phones will not be permitted during the academic day. My experience has shown that cell phones can be a significant distraction, leading to disruptions in learning, inappropriate behavior, and conflicts between students.
- **Device Storage:** Students will be required to place their cell phones, smartwatches, and any other similar devices into the designated storage box upon entering the classroom.
- **Headphones and Earbuds:** The use of headphones, earbuds, or any device that connects to a phone will also be prohibited during class time.
- **Compliance:** Devices will generally be returned at the end of the class. Students who refuse to comply with this policy will not be allowed to enter the classroom. Continued non-compliance will be treated as a disciplinary issue.

I appreciate your cooperation and understanding. My goal is to create an environment that supports learning and respects everyone's right to a focused and engaging educational experience.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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