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ELECTRONICS & CELL PHONE USE POLICY

Cell phones/electronic devices may serve as an outstanding instructional tool and learning resource, if used appropriately. We encourage our staff members and students to use electronics and other 21st century devices to supplement instruction and learning. In order to preserve the teaching and learning environment, this document is to clarify the cell phone/electronic policy for Middle College High School at HCC Fraga.

Cell phones/electronic devices may be used for educational purposes in the classroom setting. If a student wishes to use their device for non-educational purposes they may do so before the morning bell rings, lunch and after school, Monday through Friday. Lunch time is not an instructional time; however, the administration of MCHS at HCC Fraga reserves the right to ban cell phone use during the lunch hours if student cell phone use during lunch times should happen to evolve into a situation which disrupts the educational process and/or safety of students.

Scholars must turn cell phones/electronic devices OFF before entering any classroom, office, or theater/multipurpose room.

Once inside any of the aforementioned locations, scholar must store their cell phones and electronic devices in a location that is not visible to the teacher or other students, even though they are OFF.

If a cell phone/head phones or any electronic device rings, vibrates, is used for any reason other than allowed by an educator or administrator, or is visible anytime during class time, a staff member has the right to confiscate the device.

Refusal to surrender a cell phone or electronic device when asked is defiance. Defiance can result in disciplinary consequences, including suspension. Parent will be contacted.

Each Offense ~ the device will remain in the administrative office until Friday of that week. Your parent will be contacted to pick up the phone and pay a \$15 fee for returning of the device.

The staff of MCHS at HCC Fraga asks for your FULL co-operation with our policy.

Parents can contact their teenager via their cell phone before school and after school. In the event of an immediate emergency, please call the main school line at (713) 228-3408.

If a student is ill, they should see the nurse, academic administrator or counselor. Students are not authorized to use their personal phones during instructional hours or hallways, including situations in which they may feel ill and wish to call a parent or other guardian to inform them.

If a student's cell phone is visible, if a student is texting, if a student is using the phone to speak with, if a student is surfing the Internet, etc. the device will be confiscated. The phone will be available for pick up from the main office after 3:45 pm. HISD policy requires a fee for the return of cell phones. Texas Education Code §37.082 requires a \$15 retrieval fee for cell phones.

Note: MCHS at HCC Fraga is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged electronic communication devices or any charges incurred as a result.

Student's Name: _____ Student's ID: _____

Student Signature

Date