

## **ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT USE**

\*This includes cell phones, smart watches, cameras, iPads, iPods and other electronic devices.

There is no educational purpose to possess a cell phone during the school day unless a teacher deems it appropriate for a particular lesson. Starting in August 2019, the entire school building is a RED ZONE (no devices allowed). Students cannot use these items at any time between 7:50 AM-2:50 PM. These devices cannot be seen in use, heard, turned on, or in ears in the school between 7:50 AM-2:50 PM, and if brought to school, should be kept in their lockers during the entire school day. The only exceptions are inside a classroom where the teacher has given direct permission with administrative approval. Keep in mind that taking pictures, video, or recording in any fashion is only permitted if consent from others has been attained in advance.

Since laptops are issued to students, this further reduces the need for students to have access to other electronic devices. Research is also showing the negative effects that electronic devices are having on student's attention and thus academic achievement.

### Consequences:

Offense #1: 1-hr detention, confiscate device, parent pick up in office the same day before 3:30 PM.

Offense #2: 1-hr Friday detention, confiscate device, parent pick up in office on Friday of that week.

Offense #3+: Out of school suspension with one-day increments.

Any student who fails to comply with a staff member's directive such as, "Give me your phone" will receive the additional consequence of an In-School Suspension. This will count as an absence from a class (see new attendance policy) The school's position is that we are not here to get students off of their phones.

If a student has their device confiscated and held in the office, that student may not bring or use a different phone/device during the time the 1st phone is held for parent pick-up. Any student seen using a phone/device in this situation will be subject to the next progression of phone consequences. Stated more simply, no electronic devices other than school issued ones are permitted until the student gets back the one that was taken.

A student who may be called to the office in question of disobeying a school policy cannot use their device at that time. A student who is sent to the office by a staff member or is potentially in question will turn off their phone and give it to the principal or secretary immediately. Their device may be returned after an investigation is completed.

Notes: These offenses carry over to the second semester. If multiple offenses occur toward the end of the school year, the consequence will carry over into summertime.