

Cell Phone and Pager Usage Guidelines for Students

In order to insure a safe environment and an optimal learning environment, it is necessary to establish some guidelines for cell phone usage by students. Some issues of concern are the use of a cell phone or pager for illegal purposes, the disruption of the learning environment and the invasion of privacy.

The following are some suggested guidelines for establishing a policy for cell phone usage for students:

1. Cell phones must be kept in the **OFF** position from _____(time) to _____(time).
2. No cell phones may be used for picture taking.
3. No harassment or threatening of persons via the cell phone is permitted.
4. Cell phones may not be used for game playing, internet or e-mail access, text messaging, gambling or making purchases of any kind.
5. Pagers may not be brought to school.
6. Those who violate any of the rules regarding cell phones will have the phone confiscated until a parent can claim it. Students will forfeit the privilege of bringing a cell phone to school if there is a second violation. Repeated violations will be handled within the school's disciplinary code.
7. Where appropriate, infractions will be handled within the published code of conduct.