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CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices are **not permitted** in school. In most cases the usage of electronic devices can disrupt the learning environment and cause major distractions during instructional time. Although we understand that they are used for safety reasons, students can opt to ask an administrator or teacher to use the school phone for emergency related concerns. If an adult sees a student with a cell phone or electronic device during the day they will receive a warning. The first time a cell phone is confiscated from a student, it will be returned at the end of the day. Please review the following policies and procedures in accordance with the **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA:**

- Cell phone use is **prohibited** during the school day 8:15am-3:19pm.
- Students are asked to **power off** and **store away** all cellphones prior to entering the building.
- Please do not call or text your students during these times.
- Students that violate the policy may have their cell phones confiscated.
- Cellphones that are connected to a potential crime (cyber bullying, recording of criminal activity, etc.) will be turned over to police.
- Please note that if students choose to bring cellphones (or other electronic devices), the school is not responsible for them if they are lost ,stolen or damaged.

If your student's phone is confiscated you must call the school to arrange a time for the parent/guardian of record to retrieve it.

Parents thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to reach out if you have questions.