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Dear Stuart School Parents and Students:

Each summer, staff and administration review the prior year and try to make improvements for the upcoming school year. In doing so, inevitably, some students, parents and even staff do not like changes that we make. This year, we are making a big change to our cell phone policy. Several years ago, we had a "No Cell Phone" Policy. When students were caught with their phones, they were administered the consequences for the infraction.

Then, as technology was increasing and smart phones used by teachers and students in class, we changed our Policy to allow students to have their cell phones but they were to be turned off and only used in the presence of a teacher. This Policy simply has not worked as over 90% of our discipline included cell phone use.

We understand that it is difficult for both students and parents to feel out of touch if they can't have a cell phone. However, parents may call the office at any time and either relay a message to their child or we can have the child return the call upon being called to the office. Each room has two-way communication with both phones and an intercom system and teachers will be trained on the RAVE Panic Button App that will be utilized in emergency situations.

Problems we have encountered with Cell phones at school are things such as students taking and posting pictures or videos of other students and sharing them with others on different social media platforms, which is illegal, making Tik Tok videos during the school day, watching movies or listening to music during class, and even bullying other students with texts or social media posts.

Students who must have their phone as a result of a medical condition (for things such as insulin tracking/testing) will have a 504 plan put in place which will outline the processes and rules for using the phone.

Discipline for unauthorized Cell Phone Use will be as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Cell phone confiscated and returned at the end of the day, and 5 noon detentions.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Cell phone confiscated and must be picked up by parent/guardian, 3 Days ISS. (7 half day ISS periods if student is a Career Tech student.)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: 5 Days Out of School Suspension.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Out of School Suspension for Semester, not to be less than 20 days. (May carry over to subsequent semester.)

Thank you for your help in making your child's education at Stuart School as safe and interruption free as possible.

Tracy Blasengame, Superintendent

- V. **SUSPENSION FROM ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES FOR UNSPORTING CONDUCT** Any time an egregious act of unsportsmanlike conduct occurs two or more times during the same season, at the same school, in the same activity, the team and/or individual will be suspended from participation in that activity for the remainder of the season. Egregious acts of unsportsmanlike conduct will be defined as instances not within the OSSAA adopted rules of the contest. In the event the second act of misconduct occurs when there are no contests left in the current season, the penalty will be applied to the next season in the same activity. The OSSAA will notify the school that the team and/or individual has been placed on warning after the first offense. Unsportsmanlike acts under this policy will include acts by coaches, players or spectators.

For this reason, Stuart Schools has adopted the following policy.

Coaches, players and fans ejected from a game must take the anger management class through the OSSAA Portal and will be suspended for the next 2 games of the same level.

Any Coach or player ejected for a second time in same sport/season will be suspended for the remainder of the season and if this is the last game of the season, the suspension will carry on into the following season. Depending upon the situation, Coaches may be reassigned or removed from coaching.

Fans ejected for a second time in the same sport/season, will be banned for life from attending all Stuart Athletic activities/events.