

Telephone/Cell Phone/Telecommunication Devices (tablets, iPads, Nooks, etc.)

The use of cellular phones is prohibited during school hours at KES for students. Students are required to turn their phones off during the time of entry into the school and/or campus grounds at 7:30 a.m. until the end of the day at 3:30 p.m. off campus grounds. Students may use their cellular phone on the campus grounds after 3:30 p.m. so that he/she may contact a parent for a ride with permission from a teacher. This includes a regular school day, field trips off campus, and/or field trips to other Kermit schools. If a student rides the bus, the rules and procedures extend before and after the regular school day, to the departure of the bus ride. Visible cell phones will be confiscated and turned into the office; this includes phones that ring, vibrate, or those that are utilized for any reason (this includes checking the time and texting). Texting during the school day is prohibited. The school office has telephones for the students to access before, after, and during school hours for emergencies. During state-mandated testing, it is suggested that cell phones be left at home. A discipline referral may be issued for the use of electronic devices during the designated school day. In the event that a student's phone is borrowed, the borrowed phone will be confiscated for the offense indicated. Cellular phones are a great responsibility and necessary in our lives these days. A fine will be charged in addition to the offense for violating the cell phone policy. The consequences for violating the policy are as follows:

- 1st offense - NO fine - Cell phone will be confiscated and may be picked up from the principal's office at the conclusion of the following instructional day.
- 2nd offense - 1 week/\$15 fine - parent may pick up cell phone at the conclusion of the fifth instructional day following the date of offense.
- 3rd offense – 1 month/\$15 fine - parent may pick up cell phone at the conclusion of the twentieth instructional day following the date of the offense.
- 4th offense – Rest of Year/\$15 fine - parent may pick up cell phone at the conclusion of the last day of the spring semester.

All monies collected from cell phone infractions will be turned into the administration building.