

Junior High Parents/Guardians,

Why A Change is Needed?

Last year the JH cell phone policy was to leave all cell phones in lockers during the school day and it proved to be an educationally successful practice. Due to the changes this year of no lockers being assigned, students were given more freedom with their cell phone and that has proven to be an unnecessary distraction. Below is the current written policy.

Current Policy

Cell phones or electronic devices are not to be used during the school day (7:55am – 2:51 p.m.) and must be silenced and placed in a concealed area. Violations to this policy (incoming or outgoing, including contact from parents) may result in disciplinary action and the cell phone or electronic device being confiscated.

Using, displaying or turning on electronic devices during the regular school day, or instructional class time, unless permission at that time is granted by the teacher. The student's refusal to turn in the device will be considered disrespectful conduct.

- First Offense: Confiscation, principal/student conference, detention. (student may pick up the cell phone/electronic device at the end of the day)

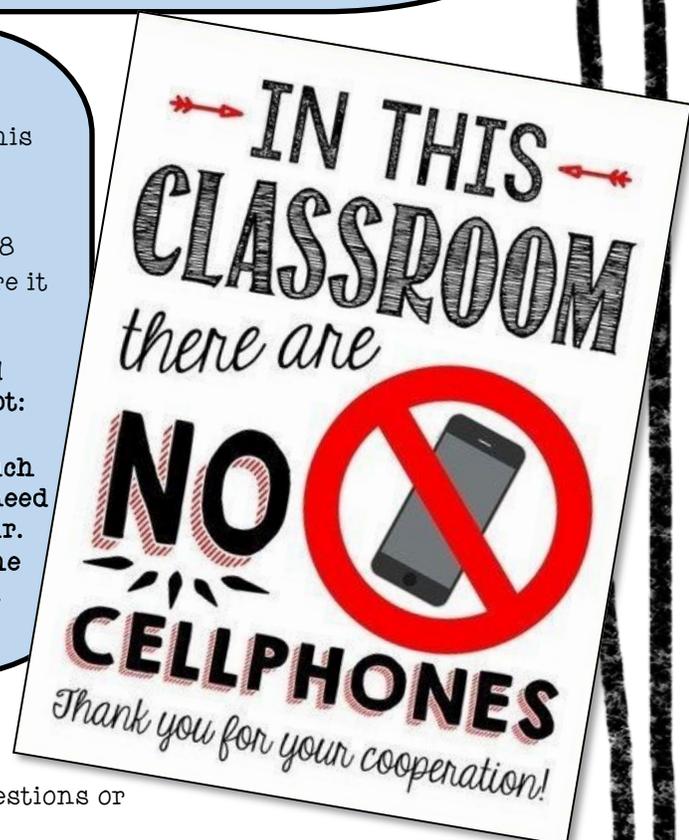
- Subsequent Offense: Confiscation, principal/student conference, detention, in-school suspension. (parents/guardians may pick up cell phone/electronic device at end of school day or they may make other arrangements with the principal)

New Expectation

With cell phones readily available on their person, this policy has been a challenge to enforce so therefore, **starting Monday October 26th** we will be making a change regarding cell phone storage for grades 7 & 8 in an effort to both keep their device safe and ensure it is not a distraction throughout the day.

We will give 3 options for students to store their cell phone during the school day. Cell phones may be kept:

- In their backpack (not pockets)
- In the designated safe area in each classroom such as a caddy or in a teacher's desk. Students will need to check them in / out with the teacher each hour.
- In the High School Office. Students may check the phone into the office at the start of the day and then back out at the end of the day.



We appreciate your cooperation and if you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call.

Respectfully,
The JH teaching team, Mr. Petersen, and Mr. Werner