

CELL PHONE POLICY

The use of cell phones is strictly prohibited in St. Augustine School between the hours of 7:45a.m. and 3:45p.m. St. Augustine School does understand that cell phones are an important part of our society; however, St. Augustine School must maintain the integrity and security of the educational system. It is strongly suggested that student cell phones be left at home as this is the only sure way to avoid a potential policy violation. In the event that a cell phone does accompany the student to school, the cell phone should be turned off. **St. Augustine School will not assume any responsibility for lost, stolen, damaged, or misused cell phones.**

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Cell phone usage includes, but is not limited to: making a call, answering a call, checking messages, text messaging, checking for a signal, the use of a picture phone, and having the phone ring (or noticeably vibrate).

- Parents should continue to call the school for any emergency situation. We will contact your son/daughter. Do not try to contact them by cell phone or pager.

1st Offense: The students cell phone will be confiscated by staff and given to local administration. The student will receive the phone back at the conclusion of the school day following a one-on-one meeting with the principal where the policy will again be discussed.

2nd Offense: The students cell phone will be confiscated by staff, given to local administration and the parents shall be notified. The cell phone will remain in the custody of the school district for a period not longer than one week. The student cell phone may be returned prior to one week if the student's parent/guardian make arrangements to meet with local administration where the situation will be further discussed, future violations and penalties discussed, {i.e., suspension and/or a legal referral}. In addition, a signed document stating that the parent/guardian has met with local administration and does assume full responsibility for future violations of such policy is required before the phone is returned.

Further Offenses: The cell phone will be confiscated by staff, given to local administration and the parents shall be notified. Local administration will contact the parents regarding the violation of the school cell phone policy, and a one-day "In-School Suspension" shall be given to the student. The students cell phone shall remain in the possession of the school district for three weeks.

NOTE: If at any time an illegal action occurs regarding the use of a cell phone, the matter will be immediately referred to tribal or county law enforcement.

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