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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. As the new school year approaches, I want to inform you about the new cell phone policy that will be implemented at Knight Middle School, beginning on the first day of school August 7, 2025. This policy aligns with **House Bill 208**, recently passed by the Kentucky Legislature, which requires local school boards to restrict student cell phone use during instructional time.

Purpose of the Policy The goal of this policy is to preserve the integrity of instructional time and minimize distractions in the learning environment. House Bill 208 mandates that student cell phone use must be limited or prohibited during class. JCPS policy prohibits students from using cell phones during the entire school day, including in classrooms, hallways, and during lunch.

Key Policy Points at Knight Middle School...

- Students may not use cell phones, wireless headphones, smart watches or any other non-instructional electronic devices during the instructional day.
- Phones shall remain off or on silent mode and stored in a visible, locked storage container in the teacher's classroom during school hours.
- Use of cell phones is prohibited during the school day between 7:30 AM-2:10 PM.
- Any emergency communications should be directed through the school's main office to ensure student safety and policy compliance.

What This Means for Families We ask for your partnership in reinforcing these guidelines at home. Please speak with your student about the importance of staying focused during class and following the new school procedures. If your child requires a phone for health, safety, or special circumstances, please notify the school administration so appropriate accommodations can be made.

We believe this change will support a stronger academic environment, remove unnecessary distractions, and ensure students are engaged during instructional time to maximize learning. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

If you have any questions about the policy or its implementation, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Warm regards,

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