Goodridge Public School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and having a wonderful fall. As you know, we are committed to academic excellence and student well-being. To support this, we've updated our tardy, attendance, and cell phone policies. Regular attendance enhances academic performance, boosts social skills and confidence, and fosters responsibility and accountability. We hope that the updated policies will support student success and well-being.

Tardiness/Attendance

We are seeing an increase in student tardiness and absences as the school year progresses; I seek your support in remedying this matter.

- Tardiness will be defined as arrival after 8:36.
- Students arriving late will receive an unexcused tardy. Please see the back of this letter for the consequences for unexcused tardies.
- Absences will require parental notification. Please note parental notification does not automatically excuse a student. This is determined by the school principal.

How you can help:

- Prioritize school for your child. Schedule appointments, trips, etc., on days off or over breaks.
- Model honesty. Inaccurate absence reasons can confuse students about the importance of truthfulness and undermine our community's values of integrity and trust.
- Don't let your student stay home unless they are genuinely sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- Seek support from the school or other agencies for attendance-related issues.

Cell Phone Policy

Although the cell phone policy has stayed the same, we have added consequences as the level of offenses increases. Please see the back of this letter for the consequences of using a cell phone during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,
Becky Carlson, Principal

Updated Policies:

Tardy Policy:

1. **Three** tardies during the quarter: 1 day of lunchroom detention.
2. **Six** tardies during the quarter: 2 days of lunchroom detention and 1 hour of after-school detention
3. **Nine** tardies during the quarter: 4 days of lunchroom detention and 1 hour of after-school detention
4. **Twelve** tardies during the quarter: 6 days of lunchroom detention, 1 hour of after-school detention, and possible loss of activity privileges or in-school suspension.

Cell Phone Consequences

1. 1st & 2nd Offenses
    a. Cell phone is confiscated
    b. Staff brings it to the office
    c. Student picks up at the end of the day
2. 3rd Offense:
    a. Cell phone is confiscated
    b. Staff brings it to the office
    c. Student picks up at the end of the day
    d. Parent is notified
3. 4th Offense:
    a. Cell phone is confiscated
    b. Staff brings it to the office
    c. Parent is notified
    d. Parent picks up at the end of the day
    e. Meeting with administration held to create a plan
4. 5th Offense:
    a. Cell phone is confiscated
    b. Staff brings it to the office
    c. Parent is notified
    d. Parent picks up at the end of the day
    e. Student surrenders phone to the office for 5 full school days
5. 6th Offense:
    a. Cell phone is confiscated
    b. Staff brings it to the office
    c. Parent is notified
    d. Parent picks up at the end of the day
    e. Student surrenders phone to the office for 10 full school days
6. 7th Offense:
    a. Cell phone is confiscated
    b. Staff brings it to the office
    c. Parent is notified
    d. Parent picks up at the end of the day
    e. Student surrenders phone to the office for 15 full school days -or-
    f. Student signs contract not to bring cell phone into the building

*If cell phone use exceeds seven infractions, administration will determine necessary disciplinary action