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Cell Phone Policy: Consequences for Misuse

Purpose: In alignment with the **FOCUS Act**, Lowndes County Public Schools has implemented this policy to reduce distractions during instructional time and promote a focused, safe, and academically supportive learning environment.

To maintain clear expectations and accountability, students who violate the cell phone policy will face the following progressive consequences:

- **First Offense: Verbal Warning**

- The phone/wireless communication will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the school day.

- **Second Offense: Parent Meeting Required**

- A parent or guardian must come to the school to retrieve the phone/wireless communication. The phone/wireless communication will not be returned directly to the student. The parent or guardian will sign and date a copy of the cell phone policy as acknowledgment of the law.

- **Third Offense: Phone Secured by the Principal**

- The phone/wireless communication will be secured by the principal in a locked storage area for **five (5) consecutive school days**.
- The phone/wireless communication can only be picked up by a parent or guardian on **Tuesdays and/or Thursdays during regular school hours**.

- **Fourth Offense: Class B Disciplinary Offense**

- The violation will be classified as a **Class B offense** receiving an office referral and up to 3 days suspension in accordance with the Lowndes County Public Schools Student Code of Conduct.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Board is not responsible for the theft, loss, or damage to any phone/ wireless communication device brought onto campus by a student.