

Cell Phone Policy Acknowledgement

Classrooms are a place for learning, and cell phones are a huge distraction. Students miss valuable instructional time due to cell phone usage. Within the science classroom, this is extremely important due to the nature of the subject matter and safety of students in the lab and classroom environment. For these reasons, **Mrs. Cox** requires her students to follow a cell phone policy in her classes. The use of cell phones, wireless earbuds, and other smartphone devices is **prohibited** during the instructional class period. The following guide outlines the policy:

1. Students will be permitted to use their cell phones or social media outlets during the first 5 minutes of class once the tardy bell rings. After this time, phones are to be put away.
2. Students are not allowed to use their phones without teacher permission in the classroom. Limited access may be granted on a case by case basis and will only be allowed in **extreme emergency situations**. In this case, the student or parent must reach out to the teacher before class. **If an emergency arises during the class period, please contact the front office at 864-355-1800.**
3. Students **are not permitted** to use wireless headphones during the class period. Wired earbuds will be allowed only with permission from the teacher when their usage is appropriate for instructional purposes. Use of wireless headphones will follow consequences below with **automatic lunch detention after the first offense**.
4. If your student needs to have their phone due a medical condition, **please indicate in the space at the bottom of the page**. Please note, that the phone will be used for **medical purposes ONLY** and not for texts/calls during the class period. If a student is using his/her cell phone for purposes other than the medical condition indicated, the consequences below will be enforced.

In the event that one of the cell phone rules is violated, the following consequences will be enforced...

1. **First Offense:** Verbal warning issued and reminder of policy.
2. **Second and Third Offense:** Student will be asked to place their phone in an assigned box at the front of the classroom for the class period. **Refusal will result in lunch detention and parent contact.**
3. **Fourth Offense:** Lunch detention will be assigned with parent contact. **Refusal will result in automatic referral.**
4. **Fifth Offense and Beyond:** Referral with parent contact

Please initial and sign in the appropriate areas indicating that you have read, understand, and are aware of the rules and consequences of the cell phone policy.	Parent Initial	Student Initial
I am aware that cell phone and smartphone device usage is not allowed without permission in my science classroom.		
I understand that wireless earbuds are not permitted in my science classroom. I will only be allowed to use wired earbuds in my science class at my teacher's discretion when it is appropriate for instruction.		
I understand that I have received my first and only verbal warning in regard to the cell phone policy.		
I understand that concurrent punishment in violation of the cell phone policy will increase in severity if I choose to violate the cell phone policy within my science classroom.		

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you! Here's to a successful semester in science class! - Mrs. Cox