

To comply with the legislation on the model cell phone policy the following revisions are recommended to the Middle School Student Handbook on page 20.

1. Smart watches are specifically listed as prohibited devices.
2. References to “cell phone” have been changed to “devices”

### **Cell Phones and Other Electronic Communication Devices**

Student phones **and other personal devices including smart watches**, are to be silenced and kept in their lockers from 7:55 until 3:00. Students will not be allowed to possess **these devices** in the classroom unless directed to do so by the teacher. Students are not to possess **these devices** during the lunch period. During the 4-minute passing time students may check their phone and respond to parent messages. If a student needs to contact their parent/guardian during the school day, they can request a pass from a teacher to use their device or the office phone. If parents /guardians need to communicate with their child prior to 3:00, they may contact the Middle School office.

The first and second violation of this rule will result in the student being directed to return their **device** to their locker and the parent will be emailed. The third violation will result in after school detention. The fourth violation will result in a day of ISP (Individual Student Plan) and the 5<sup>th</sup> violation will be ATS (Alternative to Suspension). Violations will reset each semester.

**In order to possess these devices at school the student and their parent/guardian must sign the Internet Use Agreement. Students bring these devices “at their own risk”. The School will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged devices. No student shall use a **device** to take photographs or video of students or staff without their prior consent while in school or on the school grounds, including the school bus. The use of any electronic device in restrooms and locker rooms is strictly prohibited.**

Students also are prohibited from using a cell phone or other electronic communication device to engage in conduct prohibited by school district policies including, but not limited to, cheating, bullying, harassment, and gang activity. If the school district has a reasonable suspicion that a student has violated a school rule or law by use of a cell phone or other electronic communication device, the school district may search the device. The search of the device will be reasonably related in scope to the circumstances justifying the search. Students who use an electronic communication device during the school day and/or in violation of school district policies may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the school district’s discipline policy. In addition, a student’s cell phone or electronic communication device may be confiscated by the school district and, if applicable, provided to law enforcement. Cell phones or other electronic communication devices that are confiscated and retained by the school district will be returned in accordance with school building procedures.