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CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY

“Our mission is to inspire in all students a passion for learning while developing knowledge, skills and character necessary to become responsible contributors in the local and global society.”
EACS Mission

In support of our mission EACS is committed to helping students prepare to succeed outside the classroom. In order to accomplish this mission it will be necessary to ready students and teachers for the world of today and not the classrooms of yesterday. Thus, the importance of using technology tools to enhance learning will be even more important as advances are made during the 21st century and beyond.

Current cell phones have the computing power of a personal computer and can provide an important link into increasing student learning and achievement. EACS will be encouraging and supporting teachers in the continual use of technology, such as cell phones, to increase 21st century skills that will enable success in the local and global society.

As with other technologies, cell phones can create negative issues for schools. The following policy/guidelines are set in order to stimulate positive and reduce negative use of cell phones within the school:

- Teacher directed use of cell phones for education purposes is permissible within the school building under that teacher’s supervision. Otherwise, the following rules exist:
 - All cell phone and electronic communications devices must be turned off, put away, and not visible before entering the building and throughout the remainder of the school day unless otherwise directed by a classroom teacher.
 - Devices can only be turned on and used as students exit the building at the end of the day.

Violation of cell phone use as described above will result in the following consequences:

If a student is using a cell phone/electronic communication device (ANY OF ITS FUNCTIONS) for any reason during the restricted time, the following consequences will be imposed:

1st Violation: Student will be reminded of EACS’s cell phone/electronic communication device use policy.

2nd Violation: Cell phone/electronic communication device will be confiscated and student will be able to pick it up at the end of the day. The student will be reminded of EACS’s cell phone/electronic communication device Policy.

3rd Violation: Cell phone/electronic communication device will be confiscated and parent will be required to pick it up at the end of the day.

4th Violation: Cell phone/electronic communication device will be confiscated and parent will be required to pick up the device at the end of the day, and the student will be assigned one full day of In School Suspension (ISS).

5th Violation: Cell phone/electronic communication device will be confiscated; student will be placed in ISS for the remainder of the day and the entire next school day. Parent will be required to pick the device up after 15 days.

6th Violation: Cell phone/electronic communication device will be confiscated. Student will receive Out of School Suspension (OSS) and the parent will be required to pick the device up after 30 days.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY

We realize that having to pick up a student's phone/electronic communication device may be inconvenient and therefore we recommend you discuss this policy with your student in order to avoid this problem. Confiscated phones/electronic communication devices will be labeled with the student's name and kept in the main office until the student or parent takes possession. If you have a concern about your student's ability or your ability to adhere to this policy we recommend your student's cell phone/electronic communication device be left at home.

EACS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, STOLEN OR BROKEN CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND WILL NOT PAY FOR PHONES/DEVICES THAT ARE LOST, STOLEN OR MISPLACED BY STAFF MEMBERS AFTER CONFISCATION.

Due to the enormous time spent on stolen cell phones/electronic communication devices, the school will NOT investigate stolen cell phones/electronic communication devices. Their security is the sole responsibility of the student.

PARENT MESSAGES AND TELEPHONE CALLS

We request your cooperation in limiting classroom disruptions to emergencies only. Because classroom time is valuable, we like to minimize disruptions. Lunches, forgotten books and assignments, or other items will not be delivered to class. Every time a classroom door is opened, concentration and instruction are interrupted. Messages will be delivered, but we recommend no calling or texting to students during the instructional day.