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## **Cell Phone Guidelines**

We recognize that having access to a cell phone is an important part of many families' safety plans, especially in the event of an emergency. However, with the signing of House Bill 1105 by Governor DeSantis, schools across Florida are now required to make changes to student cell phone use during the school day. In response, we have updated our school's cell phone guidelines to ensure compliance with the law while minimizing disruption to families and maintaining student safety. Our goal is to implement the law in a way that places the least possible restriction on responsible student use.

Please see the guidelines here:

Cell Phones and all other electronic devices will be turned off and out-ofsight during the school day.

## Excerpt from the 2025-2026 Code of Student Conduct (page 22):

**Note:** A student may possess a wireless communications device (cell phone, pager, etc.) while the student is on school property or in attendance at a school function. However, such devices shall be turned off and shall not be used or displayed during the regular school day. Students are subject to additional school disciplinary action and criminal penalties if the device is used in a criminal act.

## Telephone Availability at School Site

Office phones at the school site can be used if a student needs to contact a parent/guardian during the school day. Students will be expected to follow teachers'/staff directions for cell phone storage and times of appropriate use.