



Cell Phone Policy

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POLICY

1. Students are permitted to use cell phones *only* during the following times:
 - before school hours outside or inside the school building.
 - after school hours outside or inside the school building.
 - at after-school or sports activities, only with the permission of the coach, instructor, or program director.
 - at evening or weekend activities inside the school building.
2. The use of cell phones for any purpose – including telephone calls, text messaging and other functions – is not permitted at any other time on school grounds.
3. Cell phones must not be visible during the school day.
4. Cell phones must be turned completely off (not simply on silent or vibrate mode) during the school day.

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Each grade level will designate staff to monitor student violations of the cell phone policy.

Penalties for students found to be in violation of the policy will be as follows:

- First offense: Student's cell phone will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the school day.
- Second and subsequent offenses: Student's cell phone will be confiscated and returned only to the student's parent or guardian. **The student will be prohibited from bringing a cell phone to school for the remainder of the school year.**
- Students committing repeated violations of this policy may be subject to additional disciplinary action, consistent with the VGV *Code of Conduct*.