

Cellular Phone Policy

In order to provide students with a conducive learning environment during the school day, this policy is written to enable students to learn in an environment free of as many distractions as possible. While the administration understands that the cellular phone has many benefits, the school is not a place where students should use cellular phones. Students who need phone service during the school day may ask permission to use the school phone in the office. There have been many instances where the cellular phones have been disruptive, used for bullying and text messaging during the school day, used the camera phone during the school day, etc. Teachers and administrators will enforce this policy in all schools. No cellular phones are allowed on campuses or on the buses. If a student is found to have a cellular phone on campus, these are the incremental disciplinary actions:

First Offense:

The parent will be notified and the phone will be confiscated for one month to the date of the offense. If the date of return of the phone falls during a holiday or after the last day of school, the phone may be picked up the first day after the return to school from the holiday or on the last day of school. If it falls on a weekend, the phone may be picked up on Friday.

Second Offense:

The parent will be notified and the phone will be confiscated for three (3) months to the date of the offense. If the date of return of the phone falls during a holiday or after the last day of school, the phone may be picked up the first day after the return to school from the holiday or on the last day of school. If it falls on a weekend, the phone may be picked up on Friday.

Third Offense:

The parent will be notified, the student will automatically receive three (3) days of out-of-school suspension and the phone will be confiscated until the end of the school year and may be picked up at that time.

- Violations of cellular phone usage during state tests will result in out-of-school suspension.
- Since cellular phones are not allowed during the school day, it is obvious that there will be no text messaging during the school day. Further, no text messaging is allowed between students and school personnel at any time.
- Since cellular phones are PROHIBITED, any loss due to theft will not be the responsibility of the school nor the Lauderdale County School District, whether in the students or administrations possession.