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CELL PHONE POLICY

The Blooming Prairie School District recognizes that in today's society cell phone devices (mobile or current communication technology) use is a very ordinary and common occurrence. The district also recognizes that this use is not beneficial to the current educational setting. Therefore, this cell phone policy will be in effect. Cell phones are prohibited during classroom hours. If cell phones (mobile devices) are in use staff will confiscate the cell phone (mobile device) immediately and will turn the device into the office.

First offense: Cell phone may be picked up by parent/guardian or an adult relative (21 years or older) from the office, or the phone will be returned before school begins the next day.

Second offense: The device may only be picked up from the office by parent/guardian or an adult age relative. The phone will be left in office until that occurs.

Third Offense: Since the student has shown continual disrespect for district policy, the student will be required to turn the cell phone (mobile device) into the office daily for a period of time determined by the administration.

Further offenses: The student may be asked to turn the cell phone (mobile device) into the office daily for the remainder of the year.

In addition to the policy stated above, the following additional rules will be in place for our student body.

Students in grades 9-12 may carry cell phones with them but they should be on silent or turned off. During class time, students who carry phones will be asked to put phones in secure phone holder. Cell phones may only be used during the 4 min. passing time and lunch. All other times are in violation of the policy and the phone will be confiscated by a staff member. Staff members include teachers, admin, para's, custodians, and secretaries.

Cell Phones **are NOT ALLOWED in bathrooms or locker rooms at any time** and are not allowed in flex spaces during class time.

Students in grades 5-8 (Intermediate/ Jr. High) are not allowed to carry or use a cell phone during the school day, 8:10-2:46. All cell phones should be locked in student lockers, left home, or turned in to the office. If a student has a cell phone, it will be confiscated by a staff member. Staff members include teachers, admin, para's, custodians, and secretaries.

Students in grades K - 4 cell phones will not be allowed on the person. Cell phones must be kept in backpacks/lockers and turned off during the school day which is between 8:15-2:57pm.