



# Student Cell Phone Policy

## GENERAL RAY DAVIS MIDDLE SCHOOL CELL PHONE POLICY



ELECTRONIC DEVICES (i.e. - CELL PHONES, EARBUDS, HEADPHONES, SMART WATCHES, ETC.) ARE NOT TO BE "ON", USED, NOR DISPLAYED DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.

The current RCPS Board Policy by way of JCDA-E(1) Student Code of Conduct states, in part, *"A student shall not use or otherwise operate a cell phone, tablet, or similar electronic communication device during the school day without the approval of the building administration and/or classroom teacher. Unauthorized use of electronic devices will result in confiscation and electronic devices may be redeemed by student's parent/guardian in the front office. The school system accepts no liability for confiscated electronic devices."*

To ensure a safe and productive environment in each class, we have modified our school-wide cell phone policy for this year. We have communicated to students that they have the option to: 1) leave their cell phone/electronic devices at home or 2) leave their phone in an assigned pocket chart that is supervised by the teacher during each class period. This is to ensure that the instructional day remains focused and free from distractions. We are requesting parental support on these modifications so that every student can have the best possible learning experience at GRDMS.

Please note the following cell phone policy expectations:

1. Students are not permitted to use any electronic devices during INSTRUCTIONAL TIME without teacher consent during an instructional activity.
2. Electronic devices are to be turned off upon arrival to class. Students will place cell phones in their teacher's pocket chart upon arrival and retrieve them at the end of class. If a phone rings during class, the teacher will confiscate the phone and take it to the front office. "Forgetting" to turn off the cell phone is not an excuse.
3. Students will not be allowed to use their cell phone during lunch.
4. Using a cell phone to take photographs or record a video at any time on school property is strictly prohibited. This includes taking photographs or video recordings in restrooms, locker rooms, classrooms, etc.
5. Ear buds/headphones, etc. were requested as a part of the school supply list for the purpose of teacher-guided, supervised learning activities only. Unless explicitly sanctioned by the teacher for class instructional activities, students are not permitted to have their earbuds/headphones, etc. out.
6. Students may earn PBIS points for compliance.
7. If a student violates the Cell Phone Policy, the teacher, administrator, or school staff shall confiscate the cell phone and take it to the office; including the following:
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Offense** – Verbal warning, the phone is taken away until the end of the day;
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense** – The phone is confiscated and then must be picked up by a parent/guardian by 4:15pm;
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Offense** – Student is assigned to administrative (before or after school) detention;
  - **Additional Offenses** – Students who do not adhere to these expectations will be subject to other disciplinary actions, including but not limited to ISS/OSS.

Please note:

- **The school system accepts no liability for confiscated electronic devices. The student assumes all risks in bringing cell phones or other electronic devices onto school property or to school related functions.**
- A student is required to hand over the cell phone and all its individual parts, including but not limited to the battery and memory card(s) to a teacher, administrator, or other school staff upon request.