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STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY

Midway Star Academy has a Bell to Bell no cell (#BBNC) phone policy from 7:15 am -2:30 pm. During the school day, we are cell phone free and cell phones must stay in students' lockers. Cell phones are not used during passing time, lunch, in restrooms or classrooms. Cell phones must be turned off and cannot be visible on campus during the school day. The campus includes loading and unloading areas for vans and buses, in the building, or on campus grounds.

Parents are urged to utilize the school phone to relay any messages that may be urgent in nature to their child. We ask that families and students use the main office when communicating messages from home or school. Families can communicate via phone or email:

- Midway Star Academy School Number: (651) 642-0667
- Email: info@midwaystar.org

Cell Phone Rules and Expectations

- Students will be permitted to have cell phones in their lockers throughout the school day; however, cell phone use will only be permitted before the first bell and after the last bell of the day.
- Students MUST have their cell phones turned off during the school day.
- Cell phones will be completely out of view during the school day. Any phone in view during the school day will be confiscated, logged, and held until the end of the school day. Cell phone charging is not allowed on campus.
- The use of cell phones or other electronic devices capable of capturing images or video is strictly prohibited during school hours in the school building or on school property.
- Cell Phone Policy for off campus school activities (i.e. extra curricular activities, outdoor and service trips, school field trips) will be individualized depending on the specific trip and activities. These expectations will be addressed at pre-trip meetings and/or on trip specific permission slips.

If a student is using a cell phone during class, in the halls, restroom, etc. the following consequences will apply.

- 1st offense- Teacher takes the cell phone up and calls the Dean to pick up the phone immediately and parents will have to pick up the phone at the school.
- 2nd offense: Phone will be turned in to the office and after one week, parents will be able to pick it up.
- 3rd offense: Phone will be turned in to the office and stored in there for one month.
- A second violation of the aforementioned policy will necessitate a meeting with the Dean of Students and/or Principal. Consequences for a 3rd violation will be administered on an individual basis and may lead to suspension or permanent dismissal from Midway Star Academy.
- Refusal to give up the phone will automatically result in the student being written up and sent to the office.

The Midway Star Academy School District is not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen electronic device, even when those devices were confiscated by school officials. It is the safest to keep the device at home or in the student locker during the school day.