St. Michael's
High School

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Cell Phone Policy

Purpose

To foster a focused, engaging, and socially connected learning environment, St. Michael's High School is implementing a phone-free policy during school hours. This initiative aims to minimize distractions, enhance academic performance, and encourage meaningful student interactions.

Policy Overview

Scope of Policy

The Cell Phone Policy applies to any student cell phones, smart watches, headphones, earbuds, or any other personal electronic devices. The term "personal electronics" will be used henceforth.

No personal electronics during educational time

Students are not permitted to have personal electronics in their possession on school property during school time beginning at 9 AM until 3:30 PM.

Personal electronics may not be used under any circumstances, including under teacher supervision.

Parents who need to contact students should call or email the main office.

Storage of electronic devices

Personal electronics must be secured in lockers during school hours. If students do not have access to their locker for any reason, they will need to store their personal electronics in the school office. Students may not carry personal electronics in their pockets, backpacks, or anywhere on their person.

Exceptions

- Medical and emergency exceptions require a doctor's note submitted to Administration
- An existing Individualized Education Program (IEP) specifying the need for phone access and its approved use. Non-compliance with guidelines or misuse of the device will result in consequences by school administration.

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Enforcement & consequences

First Violation: Verbal warning and reminder of policy. Staff member giving the warning records it in GPI memos.

Second Violation: Phone confiscated and returned at the end of the school day (3:30 PM).

Third Violation: Phone confiscated and released only to a parent/guardian.

Repeated Violations: Progressive disciplinary actions, including detention or loss of privileges, e.g. no phone anywhere on school property or that it remains in the office all day, every day.