

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones (and other communication devices like smart watches) have become a way of life, a technological convenience that has impacted all of our lives in one way or another. However, in the school environment, they have become a distraction, interruption, and a method of inappropriate exchange of information. The ringing of the cell phone during class or text messaging takes away from valuable time needed for instruction and most importantly, student learning. We do recognize that cell phones can be a safety/security tool; however, they can be a detriment in the event of a building emergency and our protocol to manage such emergencies in a safe and effective manner.

The policy at Evergreen Union School District is: students are **not** allowed to use a cell phone, smart watch, and/or any other communication device during school hours (including morning and afterschool day-care). All devices must be turned off and secured by the students. Of course, the best security is to leave the device at home. If it is necessary to confiscate your child's device because it was out and visible, the following steps will be taken:

- **1st offense:** cell phone (device) is taken by the teacher/staff and returned at the end of the period.
- **2nd offense:** cell phone (device) is taken by teacher/staff, labeled and sent to the office to be picked up by parents/guardians.
- **Future offenses:** additional offenses and/or a student that refuses to comply with a request to surrender their cell phone (device) by any member of the faculty or staff and/or administrator, will be considered insubordinate resulting in further discipline.

Thank you in advance for partnering with us in order to provide a safe, productive, engaging, learning environment for all of our students. If, in the event you need to relay an urgent message to your child, please call the school office (347-3411) and our secretaries will ensure that your child gets the message. Please remember that transportation changes need to be in writing.

