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GROVEPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

CELL PHONE POLICY

The Board of Directors has adopted the following policy to emphasize that student cell phone use should be as limited as possible during school hours in order to reduce cell phone-related distractions in the classroom setting. The Board of Directors hereby adopts a general prohibition against student use of cell phones during school hours except under the following circumstances:

- The student's Individualized Education Program or Section 504 Plan specifically requires the use of a cell phone by the student during school hours;
- The student requires the use of a cell phone to monitor or address a medical or health concern of the student and has received prior permission from the School administrator, or their designee;
- The student's use of the cell phone is reasonably necessary due to a bonafide emergency; or
- The School administrator has established rules or regulations permitting student use of cell phones during school hours which nonetheless effectively accomplish the purpose of this Policy. Prior to implementing or changing any such rules or regulations, the School administrator shall first communicate them to the Board of Directors. To the extent any such rules or regulations are established, the School administrator will communicate them to students and families through the Parent/Student Handbook and/or such other methods of communication the School may choose.

Any violation of this Policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion, and may result in the School confiscating the cell phone. If a cell phone is confiscated by the School, it will be released/returned to the student at the end of the day. Repeat confiscations may require the parent/guardian to conference with the School administrator, or their designee, prior to the cell phone being released.

The School understands that parents/guardians may desire their student to have a cell phone at school and during school hours. However, students must comply with the requirements of this Policy and the School assumes no responsibility for the damage, theft, or loss, of any student's cell phone, or the data contained therein. Students assume all risk related to bringing a cell phone onto School property.

This Policy shall be posted on the School's website.