

Zenith Academy Student Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones/electronic devices may serve as an outstanding instructional tool and learning resource if used appropriately. We encourage our staff members and our students to use electronics and other 21st century devices to supplement instruction and learning. In order to preserve the teaching and learning environment, this document is to clarify the cell phone/electronic devices policy for Zenith Academy. The policy is:

- Cell phones/electronic devices may only be used for educational purposes in the classroom setting if the classroom teacher has permitted. If a student wishes to use their device for non-educational purposes, they may do so before the morning bell rings, at lunch, and after school. Cell phones may not be used in the halls in between classes.
- Cell phones/electronic devices must be turned OFF before you enter any classroom, office, library, locker room, or lab. Students may power on their phones at the request of the classroom teacher.
- Once inside any of the aforementioned locations, students must store their cell phones/electronic device in a location that is not visible to the teacher or other students, even though they are OFF.
- If a cell phone/ electronic device rings, vibrates, or is used for any reason without teacher permission, or is visible anytime during class time or if you are caught using it on the school premises during class time, a staff member may confiscate the device.
- Refusal to surrender your phone when asked is considered defiance. Defiance may result in disciplinary consequences, including suspension. Parents will be contacted.

First Offense ~ the device will be held in the Administration office until Friday of the following week. Students may pick up their phone at the end of the stated period.

Second Offense ~ the device will remain in the main office until the end of the quarter. An Administrator will establish parent contact. Phone may only be picked up by a parent.

Third Offense ~ the device will remain in the main office until the end of school year. Phone may only be picked up by a parent.

The staff of Zenith Academy requests your FULL co-operation with our policy.

You can contact your child via their cell phone during lunch only. If you need to contact your student during any other time of the day, or in the event of an immediate emergency, please call the main school line at 614-888-9997.

STUDENT REFUSAL TO SURRENDER TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE PROCEDURE:

If the student refuses to surrender the device after parent intervention, he/she will be suspended from school (OSS) pending an expulsion hearing with the Principal. Recommendation for an expulsion hearing also carries loss of cell phone privileges for the year, and loss of the device for the remainder of the school year.