

# WHS Student Cell Phone Guidelines (Pilot Program to Begin on February 6, 2012)

## Cell Phone Use Guidelines

Cell phone use is permitted during the following times: in the morning until 7:50AM in the cafeteria and small gym, at lunch, and after dismissal. Cell phones are not permitted in the hallways until dismissal at 3:01PM. Cell phones may not be used to access the Internet at any time.

The following conditions apply:

- At no time should students use cell phones to capture images (camera or video) without specific permission from a teacher or administrator for a class assignment.
- At no time should cell phones be seen, heard, or used during academic classes or study halls, unless for instructional purposes with specific permission by the teacher. All cell phones should be off during school hours except during lunch.
  - Phones should be set to silent or vibrate when being used before school or during lunch.
  - Students who leave classes, study halls, or lunch on a pass are not permitted to use cell phones at that time.
  - Checking the time is not an acceptable reason to access a phone during the school day.
- Cell phones must be turned off and stored when students are in restrooms, locker rooms, and in other areas where individuals would have similar expectations of privacy.
- Cell phones may not be used to conduct any activities that violate state and/or federal law, school rules, or Board policy (Electronic Devices Policy 237, Unlawful Harassment Policy 248, & Bullying/Cyberbullying Policy 249).

## Consequences

The Warwick School Board prohibits the use of any electronic device that has the capability to take photographs or record audio or video except for instructional use under the authority of the teacher or administrator. Students are prohibited from using any device to access a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet.

As we work together with parents/guardians to enforce this School Board Policy, administration has developed the following consequences:

- **First Offense:** The device will be confiscated. The device can be picked up by the student at the conclusion of that school day in the high school office. Parents will be notified of the first offense violation through the mail.
- **Second Offense:** The device will be confiscated. The device will NOT be returned to the student. The parent/guardian must appear at the school to collect the device.
- **Third Offense:** The device will be confiscated. The device will NOT be returned to the student. The device will be returned to a parent/guardian at the conclusion of the current school semester, either January or June.
- **Fourth Offense or More:** The device will be confiscated and held until the end of the school year. Additional discipline will be assigned as appropriate for continual defiance.

Students will receive additional discipline if they are defiant or disrespectful when confronted about violating this policy. Students will also receive additional discipline if they remove a phone's memory card, "sim card," or battery before confiscation.

The school is not responsible for cell phones that are lost or stolen on school property.