

**STUDENT CELL PHONE/PAGER USE**

Students are not permitted to use cell phones or pagers in the building during school hours (8:20-2:50 for elementary; 7:00-1:50 for Hodgkins; 7:00-2:10 for Cony; 7:30-1:45 for CATC). All emergency communications must be made through the main office. A courtesy telephone will be made available to any student who needs to call home. Administrators will authorize a cell phone zone.

All cell phones and pagers used by students during school hours will be confiscated and brought to the appropriate administrator. The first time a phone is confiscated, it will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. The second time the phone is confiscated, the phone can only be returned to a parent or guardian. The third time a cell phone is confiscated, it will be returned to a parent or guardian, and the student will be subject to discipline. Administrators may search cell phones if there is suspicion of violation of school policy.

Any refusal or inappropriate responses exhibited by students who resist turning over their cell phone when requested by a staff member may result in further disciplinary action.

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