



Alcovy High School

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CELL-PHONES

To the parents/guardians,

I hope that your summer has been relaxing and you have been able to spend quality time with your family.

I would like to emphasize the expectations regarding cell phone use by students, during school hours, so please read this letter in its entirety.

In the past few years, we have seen a dramatic increase in the use of mobile devices by students throughout the school day. It is prevalent that the increase in cell phone use has become a hindrance to the educational process throughout the school day making it increasingly more difficult to keep students engaged and focused on crucial learning. During this same timeframe, we have also experienced a dramatic increase in the number of behavior instances.

They are as follows:

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| 1. Unauthorized use of phones during class. |
| 2. Unauthorized video and audio recordings of students and staff in the building. |
| 3. Theft or loss of cell phones during the school day. |
| 4. Damage to phones or chargers that causes disruptions. |
| 5. A strain on the bandwidth needed for instructional purposes. |
| 6. Social media has enormous disruptions and exacerbated the emotions of our students. |

With the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, AHS is homing in on the NCSS Handbook cell phone expectations for students. We plan to increase the amount of time students are engaged with their classroom activities and limit the amount of time students spend in the office. We are also hoping to limit the impact of social media in our school and the negative impact it has on our kids. Students are expected to silence their phones upon entering the building at 7:45 a.m. During instruction time, cell phone use will not be permitted, except when authorized by a teacher for instructional purposes and during a student's lunch period. Cell phones are expected to be off and away during instruction times. If a student is found to be in possession or use of a cell phone, the phone will be confiscated, placed in a labeled envelope, and delivered to the office. The consequences will be as follows:

1st offense:

- 1-day of school-day based detention.
- Cell phone confiscated and held in office until the end of the day.
- Parent or guardian notified.

2nd offense:

- 2 days ISS.
- Cell phone confiscated and held in office until the end of the day.
- A parent or guardian will need to sign for the cell phone at the end of the day in the office.

3rd offense:

- 2 days OSS (Out of School Suspension).
- Device will be confiscated and returned to parent.
- A parent or guardian will need to sign for the cell phone at the end of the day in the office.

4th offense:

Any further violations will result in 3 or more days suspension, at the discretion of the administrator.

Additional offenses will be considered an act of insubordination. A student that refuses to comply with a request to surrender their cell phone by any member of the faculty or staff and/or administrator, will be considered insubordinate. Rules governing insubordination will apply as outlined in the student handbook. We hope you understand our stance on technology and in particular, cell phones and we highly encourage you to talk with your child about these new expectations before the start of the new school year. We will also be addressing this change with students on the first day of school and this will also be reflected in our updated Student Handbook. As always, we appreciate your support as we try to provide each student with the best educational experience possible.

Respectfully,

Dr. Kristopher Williams, Principal

I have read and fully understand the cell phone expectations for Alcovy High School.

Please return the slip below with your child, as he/she should submit the form to their 1st period teacher.

Parent Name _____ Date _____

Student Name _____ Date _____