

Dear LHMS Community:

I hope this note finds everyone well as we near the end of another amazing year here at LHMS. There is nothing more important to the education process, particularly at the middle school level, than ensuring the classroom environment is free from distractions. As you can image, cell phones can present a considerable distraction when and if cell phone policies are not followed. Please be reminded, students may not text or make phone calls at any time during school hours.

To that point, I have observed a considerable increase in cell phone violations this year and I am very concerned about the integrity of our academic environment. As a reminder, the KISD policy regarding cell phone usage, as well as the LHMS discipline matrix regarding violations, are copied below. Please remember, no child is required to bring a cell phone on campus. KISD Telecommunication/Electronic Devices (201) Policy Excerpt:

“Students may not display, turn on, or use a cellular telephone or other telecommunication device on school property during the school day (as defined by the published starting and dismissal times for each campus).

Violators are subject to having the device confiscated by a teacher or other school official for a period of time deemed appropriate by the principal (*which could extend through the end of the semester or school year*) and are subject to disciplinary action. Repeat offenses may result in the loss of privilege to possess such devices at school.

Neither the campus nor the district assumes responsibility or liability for loss or damage to a device or for the unauthorized use of the device” (For full policy please see KISD Student Code of Conduct, Page 8).

The following consequences will apply to students who violated the district cell phone policy:

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| First Violation:  | Discipline Referral and 5 School Day Confiscation of Device  |
| Second Violation: | Discipline Referral and 10 School Day Confiscation of Device |
| Third Violation:  | Discipline Referral and 15 School Day Confiscation of Device |
| Fourth Violation: | Referral and Confiscation for Rest of Semester               |
| Fifth Violation:  | Referral and Confiscation for Rest of Year                   |

- The Administration reserves the right to make adjustments based on individual circumstances.

Any parent who is uncomfortable with the potential confiscation of a phone has the right to not have their child bring a phone to school. Please take this opportunity to reinforce these rules with your child to ensure he or she is in compliance with this policy.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 336-1370.

Sincerely,



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