

Stone Bridge School

Cell Phone Policy

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The purpose of this policy is to outline our values and expectations relating to the use of cell phones on campus for all members of our community. SBS seeks to limit the exposure of our students to electronic media while they are on our school campus or engaged in school sponsored activities.

Students:

We recognize that some students may need access to cell phones in order to communicate with parents/guardians. If it is absolutely necessary for a student to bring a cell phone to school, the following conditions apply:

- Cell phones must be turned off while on the campus.
- Cell phones must be stored in the designated container while on campus or school activities.
- Cell phones with image recording capabilities may not be used for image or sound capture without written permission from Administration and/or class teacher for an approved purpose.
- During regular school hours, students are directed to use the office phone if they need to contact their parent/guardian.
- After regular school hours, cell phones may only be used in a designated cell phone location; the student's classroom or the office with permission from the class teacher or other staff member. This use is generally for calling or texting the person responsible for the student's transportation.
- These cell phone use guidelines apply also to students attending Aftercare.

Should any of these conditions be violated, the cell phone will be confiscated and held in the office for a parent/guardian to pick up from the Executive Director or other responsible staff member. With repeated offenses, the student may be asked to refrain from bringing a cell phone to school and/or suspended.

Adults:

For safety and emergency purposes, adults should have easy access to their cell phones should there be a need for urgent communications (e.g., during a lockdown, evacuation, etc.).

In general, however, it is preferable that adults (parents, faculty/staff, etc.) use their cell phones on campus out of sight and hearing of students. The office, faculty lounge, or classrooms when not occupied with students are preferred locations for cell phone use.

It is understood that adults may occasionally use their cell phones to take pictures or access information when in the presence of students, but it is strongly recommended that this be kept to a minimum and that students be marginally aware of this use.