

TECHNOLOGY USAGE
(Parent Cell Phone Acknowledgment and Signature Form)

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

My signature indicates that I have been given the cell phone policy for the Cape Girardeau School District. I understand that if my child's cell phone is confiscated on more than one (1) occasion, the school will keep the cell phone locked in the school office for five (5) school days. After the fifth day, I will be able to pick up the cell phone during normal office hours.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

(This section needs to be cut off and given to parents at the time signature is obtained.)

CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
Student Cell Phone Notification and Policy

The school district understands and acknowledges that cell phones are a necessity for many students and parents. However, cell phones are now creating and posing many problems for the district and the safety of its students.

1. In the event of an emergency situation, cell phones used by students could jam the air waves and emergency personnel would not be able to make the necessary calls to quickly address and resolve the situation.
2. Use of cell phones by students in an emergency situation may cause a significant number of people to learn of the emergency and come to the school building out of concern or curiosity. This could interfere with the ability of emergency personnel to do their jobs or even get to the scene. In addition, a significant number of onlookers could interfere with the district's implementation of its emergency plan that may call for relocation of students to another location
3. Cell phones are causing a large number of disruptions within the classroom (ringing/vibrating in class, constant text messaging, etc.) that disrupt the educational process and quality of education for the district's students.
4. Cell phones are used: to bully and harass; to spread false information; to make threats; to intimidate; to commit forgery; to cheat; for "sexting;" and for other forms of inappropriate and illegal behavior.

For these reasons, the Cape Girardeau School District will be following and enforcing the following procedures and consequences for all students regarding cell phones and other electronic

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communication devices such as pagers, personal digital assistants or personal laptops. Students shall not use, display or turn on electronic communication devices during the regular school day, including instructional class time, class change time, breakfast or lunch. It is preferred that students keep these items in student cars or locked lockers. Exceptions or waivers to this restriction may be made at the discretion of teachers or administrators in the event of an emergency

First Offense:	Warning and cell phone to be picked up by parent only.
Second Offense:	Cell phone locked in the school office for 5 school days. Parent to pick up after day 5.
Third Offense:	3 days of ISS for student and cell phone locked in school office for 5 school days. Parent to pick up after day 5.
Fourth and Subsequent Offenses:	ISS, 1-180 days OSS, or loss of user privileges and documentation in student discipline record.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to review policies and/or procedures for related information in this administrative area.

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Cape Girardeau School District No. 63, Cape Girardeau, Missouri