

## Mifflin County High School Cell Phone Policy Proposal

Students at the Mifflin County High School are permitted to carry cell phones during the school day. The following rules, regulations and guidelines will be followed at all times:

- Cell phones must be turned off or silenced during instructional time in all classes.
- Cell phones may be used for educational purposes during instructional time with the permission of the classroom teacher. These "educational uses" are deemed as research (where the phone has internet access), use as a calculator (when such uses are deemed appropriate by the teacher), entry of due dates for assignments, papers, etc. into an outlook calendar (or the equivalent).
- Texting may be done between classes and at a lunch. The content of all text messages must be school appropriate and may be viewed by school personnel if reasonable suspicion exists that the text may be meant to threaten, harass, bully another student or staff member, cheating is occurring or inappropriate pictures or material are being sent or shared.
- Cell phone use in restrooms or locker rooms is strictly forbidden at all times.
- Texting during study halls is at the discretion of the monitoring teacher.

**Cell phone violations will be dealt with in the following manner:**

- Texting in class will result in a day of ISS for the first offense. If the nature of the texts is lewd, harassing in nature or criminal additional punishments will be pursued in conjunction with the student code of conduct. (Repeated offenses will result in harsher punishment which may include more ISS time, loss of phone privileges or other forms of punishment deemed appropriate by administration).
- Use of cell phones in restrooms or locker rooms will result in the loss of cell phone privileges for the remainder of the school year. If the nature of the usage is lewd, harassing in nature, or criminal, additional punishments will be pursued in conjunction with the student code of conduct.
- A cell phone that goes off (student receives a text or call during class and the phone is not off or silenced) will result in further disciplinary measures including but not limited to: detention, ISS, loss of phone privileges, or other measures deemed appropriate by administration.

I have read and understand all of the rules and punishments as outlined above. I agree to abide all that is outlined above.

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Student Name (printed)

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Student Signature