

Cell Phone and Electronic Device Usage Policy

Gallup McKinley County Schools

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1. Elementary School children **will not** be allowed to bring cell phones to school. If a child needs to reach his/her parent or if a parent needs to reach their child, they are to use the school phones. If cell phones are confiscated from elementary students, the offense will be treated as a misbehavior as per board policy.
2. Middle school and High school students will be allowed to have cell phones at school.
3. The phones must be TURNED OFF from the first bell to the last bell of the day.
4. First Offense:
 - If a student has the cell phone on during the day or is sending text messages, the phone will be taken away, logged into the office by an identified office staff as designated by the principal.
 - The Parents/Guardian of the student must come to school and sign for the cell phone in order for it to be returned.
5. Second Offense:
 - The cell phone will be taken away, logged into the office by an identified office staff as designated by the principal. The parents will be able to pick up the cell phone at the end of the semester.

This policy applies to all Electronic Devices, iPods, MP3 players, etc.
6. Continued violation of this policy will result in misbehavior (12.22) as per board policy.
7. The school is **NOT** responsible for the loss of the cell phone or the loss of any other electronic device.
8. The use of a cell phone by **anyone** during a Lock Down is **strictly prohibited** for the safety of all students and staff. (Schools who do not have effective intercom systems may use cell phones as a way of communicating)

GMCS is not responsible in any way for lost or stolen items. We will not investigate any electronic devices that have been lost or stolen.

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I am aware of and understand the Gallup McKinley County School District Cell Phone policy.

I understand that this is my child's First Offense, that I am receiving my child's electronic device at this time. I also understand that if there is a Second Offense with an electronic device, that the device will be taken away and kept in a safe location in the school office. I will be able to retrieve it at the end of the semester.

Continued violation of this policy will result in discipline procedures as identified by the Principal and followed accordingly as per GMCS Discipline Policy (12.22).

_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Student	_____ Date
_____ Signature of GMCS Personnel (Principal of designee)	_____ Date

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