

# Cell Phone Guidelines

Owning a cell phone has become the norm for many students at Oak-Land Middle School. One of the most frequently asked questions from students is about cell phone use at school. To provide clarity and consistency for students, families, and staff we will implement the following cell phone guidelines for the 2017-18 school year.

# If students choose to bring a cell phone to school our expectations are as follows:

- 1. Cell phones will remain in lockers during the academic day from 7:50 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.
- **2.** Students who need to be in contact with their family can ask permission from a teacher to use one of our school phones. Parents are welcome to contact our main office if there is a message that needs to be relayed.
- **3.** Students assume the risk of damage, theft, or loss when choosing to bring a phone to school.
- **4.** Students may use their cell phone appropriately before and after school. This includes:
  - a. Checking in or responding to family members
  - **b.** Sending and receiving appropriate communication with friends
  - c. Sharing school appropriate material with friends
- **5.** Cell phone use of any kind is not permitted in locker rooms or bathrooms.
- **6.** Using a cell phone to record or take photos of staff members is not allowed without permission.
- **7.** Recording or taking photos of classmates with the intent to bully or harass is not permitted
- **8.** Using social media, apps, or any other function of a cell phone/device to spread rumors, bully, make fun of, exclude, or create a disruption in school or outside of school is not permitted.
- **9.** Sharing or asking classmates for inappropriate content is not permitted.

# Consequences for students using their phone during unapproved times or for inappropriate reasons:

#### 1st Offense

 Phone is confiscated and held in office for the remainder of the day



## **2nd Offense**

- Phone is confiscated and held by administation until parents pick it up
- · Meet with an administrator
- Parent contact



## **3rd Offense**

- Phone is confiscated and held by administation
- Cell phone plan will be created with student, parent, and administrator