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# Neshaminy School District

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Dear Maple Point Families,

Since we have returned from winter break, cell phone use has become an ever-increasing distraction in our classrooms and a disruption to our overall learning environment. In response to these challenges, we have revised our policy concerning Cell Phones, AirPods, Earbuds and Headphones. Please carefully review the expectations below and the consequences for not meeting them:

## Student Expectations

- All Phones will be powered off before students enter the building.
- Phone/AirPod/Earbud/Headphone use will not be permitted in the hallways, locker banks, cafeteria or gymnasium prior to homeroom.
- When the homeroom bell rings, all phones should be stored in lockers or book bags until 2:55PM. No phone is allowed on their person.
- Phone/AirPod/Earbud/Headphone use will not be permitted in homeroom (8:00-8:05AM), lunch or during WIN effective 02.06.20.
- The phones in the Main Office will always be available for any student who needs to contact a parent/guardian for any legitimate reason.
- All student illnesses should be communicated to the school nurse who will in turn contact the parent/guardian.

## Staff Expectations

- This revised policy will be enforced consistently by all staff members effective 02.06.20.
- AirPods/Earbuds/Headphones may be used at the direction of a teacher for academic purposes but must be put away before the bell rings and the student enters the hallway.
- Phone use will no longer be offered as a classroom reward by teachers.
- Confiscated Phones/AirPods/Earbuds/Headphones should be placed in a clearly labeled envelope with an accompanying ODR and sent to the Coordinator of Student Affairs or grade level administrator.

## Parent/Guardian Expectations

- During school hours (7:50AM-2:55PM), all communication between parents/guardians and students should occur through the Main Office.
- Early dismissals should be communicated in writing and presented for review to the attendance secretary before homeroom. Unanticipated early dismissals should be communicated through a phone call to the main office.
- Parents/Guardians will not initiate early dismissal via texts and/or calls to student cell phones.

## Consequences of Possession and/or Unauthorized Use of Phones/AirPods/Earbuds/Headphones

**\*\*ALL STUDENTS WILL BEGIN WITH A CLEAN SLATE IN REGARDS TO THIS POLICY EFFECTIVE 02.06.20\*\***

### 1st Offense

Phone Confiscated/Phone picked up by student at 2:55PM/1 After School Detention.

### 2nd Offense

Phone Confiscated/Phone must be picked up by Parent/Guardian/2 After School Detentions/Student Loses Backpack Privileges for 1 Month.

**3rd Offense**

Phone Confiscated/Phone must be picked up by Parent/Guardian/1 Day In-School Suspension/Student Loses Backpack Privileges for the remainder of the school year.

We believe that putting phones “Away for the Day” is in the best interest of our building. The focus here should be on teaching, learning, and building relationships. Anything that compromises that focus has no place in our school. As always, we appreciate your cooperation and support as we work hard to give our students the best learning experience possible.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Sokol