

## T. Dewitt Taylor Middle-High School Cellular Telephone Policy FAQ

- 1. When are students permitted to use a cell phone, electronic pager or other wireless communication on campus? Before the start of the school day, during passing time between classes, during lunch, and after the school day. Please note: While students are permitted to use their cell phones, electronic pagers or other wireless communications devices during passing time, such use is strongly discouraged. If a student is tardy to class and was using a cell phone, electronic pager or other wireless device, the action taken due to the tardy may include, but would not be limited to, confiscation of the cell phone under the terms of this procedure.
- **2.** Are students permitted to use a cell phone, electronic pager or other wireless communication in the classroom? No. During instructional/class time or special activities at the school, students are required to keep the cell phone, electronic pager or other wireless communications device out of view (e.g., in the backpack, purse, pocket, etc.) and are strictly prohibited from using the cell phone, electronic pager or other wireless communications device in any manner (e.g. no spoken or text communication, as a PDA, photographing, recording, transmission of photographs and/or recordings, etc.).
- **3.** When are students strictly prohibited from using a cell phone, electronic pager or other wireless communication on campus? Students are strictly prohibited from using a cell phone, electronic pager, or other wireless communications device at any time in a locker room, restroom, while riding district student transportation, during instructional/class time, or during special activities such as pep rallies, assemblies, plays, etc.

## 4. How should parents contact their student during the school day?

If a parent has a need to communicate with his or her child during the school day, the parent should contact the main office at the School. The School will then see to it that the message from the parent is communicated to the student. Parents should not try to contact a child on the child's cell phone, electronic pager, or other wireless device while that child is at School.

**5.** What is the school's responsibility for the safe-keeping of a cell phone, electronic pager or other wireless communication on campus? The School has no responsibility for the safe-keeping of these cell phones, electronic pagers, or other wireless communications devices, and will not be responsible if a cell phone, electronic pager or other wireless communications device is stolen or lost.