Marietta City School District Cell Phone Policy

To support school environments in which students can fully engage with their classmates, their teachers, and instruction, the Board of Education of Marietta City Schools has determined the use of cell phones by students during school hours should be limited. This is in accordance with the state recommendations issued from the Ohio Department of Education, and Governor DeWine.

The objective of this policy is to strengthen Marietta City School's focus on learning, in alignment with our mission to ignite students' passion for learning, cultivate a strong foundation of knowledge, and foster a sense of community within our schools.

I. Research

Research shows that student use of cell phones in schools has negative effects on student performance and mental health. Cell phones distract students from classroom instruction, resulting in smaller learning gains and lower test scores. Increased cell phone use has led to higher levels of depression, anxiety, and other mental health disorders in children.

II. Applicability

This policy applies to the use of cell phones by students while on school property during school hours.

III. Use of cell phones

Students are prohibited from using cell phones at all times.

IV. Exception

Nothing in this policy prohibits a student from using a cell phone for a purpose documented in the student's individualized education program developed under Chapter 3323 of the Ohio Revised Code or a plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 29 U.S.C. 794 A student may use a cell phone to monitor or address a health concern.

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EVERY DAY.

V. Cell phone storage

Students shall keep their cell phones in a secure place, such as the student's locker, or a closed backpack at all times when cell phone use is prohibited.

VI. Discipline

If a student violates this policy, a teacher or administrator shall take any of the following disciplinary measures:

[ ] Give the student a verbal warning and require the student to store the student's cell phone in accordance with this policy.

[ ] Securely store the student's cell phone in a teacher- or administrator-controlled locker, bin, or drawer for the duration of the class or period.

[ ] Place the student's cell phone in the school's central office for the remainder of the school day.

2. [ ] Place the student's cell phone in the school's central office to be picked up by the student's parent or guardian.

[ ] Schedule a conference with the student's parent or guardian to discuss the student's cell phone use.