

Creve Coeur District #76 Cell Phone Policy Waiver

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Creve Coeur School District #76 Cellular Phone Policy has changed for the upcoming school year. As a result, this communication will be used to certify that all parents have read the policy and understand the procedures as outlined within this policy.

Beginning this fall, if your child chooses to bring a cell phone to school, he/she will be required to surrender their phone to his/her homeroom teacher prior to the beginning of the school day. All cell phones will be kept in a protective pouch during the day under lock and key. At the end of the school day, or when your child is leaving school for the day, his/her cellular phone will be returned to them.

Your child may bring a cell phone to school **ONLY** if a Cell Phone Waiver has been signed. If you initially state that your child will not bring a cell phone to school and later decide to allow your child to bring his/her device, you **MUST** first sign a Cell Phone Waiver in the office. Also, if your child receives a cell phone during the school year and wishes to bring the device to school, you **MUST** sign a Cell Phone Waiver in the office before your child may bring his/her phone into the building.

Please Note: There will be **NO** exemptions from this policy. Students are offered two choices. Students may:

1. Bring their cell phone to school and surrender their phone at the beginning of the day.
2. Leave their cell phone at home.

Students **WILL** be allowed to have their cell phones when attending or participating in extracurricular activities that fall outside of the normal school day.

Please share this document with your child, so that he/she is well aware of the policy/procedure and the consequences for failure to follow the policy. The second page of this document provides the specific policy - and the corresponding discipline - should your child fail to adhere to this policy.

Sincerely,

Dustin Bevard
Principal, Parkview Middle School

Cell Phone Administrative Procedure

Cell phone use is prohibited during the school day. Use is interpreted as using any cell phone function or feature, not just the sending or receiving of calls. This includes the use in hallways, restrooms, offices or any other place on school grounds. Students may NOT take a pass out of class to use their phones. If brought to school, cell phones must be turned off and turned into their home room teacher at the beginning of the day. Students are not to use cell phones in the classrooms. Cell phone use is not permitted during lunch.

Students who choose to use or have the cell phone in sight will be referred for insubordination and the following disciplinary action will occur:

First offense: Cell phone will be confiscated by District 76 staff at the time of incident and turned over to the appropriate administrator; students may pick up the cell phone at the end of the day. Referral written at the time of incident. Parents contacted by the teacher.

Second offense: Cell phone will be confiscated by District 76 staff, and a parent will have to pick up the phone from the appropriate administrator at the end of the day. Referral written at the time of incident.

Third offense: Cell phone will be confiscated by District 76 staff, and a parent will have to pick up the phone from the appropriate administrator at the end of the day. Referral written at the time of incident. One day of In-School suspension.

Fourth offense: Cell phone will be confiscated by District 76 staff, and a parent will have to pick up the phone from the Superintendent at the end of the day. Referral written at the time of incident. One day Out-of School Suspension

Any student who refuses to surrender a cell phone, or removes the battery before surrendering the cell phone, to a school official may be subjected to the loss of school privileges, alternative In School Suspension and/or other disciplinary actions.

Any further offenses will subject the student to disciplinary action as set forth in Board Policy 7.190.

Any inappropriate use of cell phones, including but not limited to, inappropriate photographs, text messaging, and recording or videotaping will result in confiscation of the phone; further consequences include possible police referral. Students bring these devices to school at their own risk. District 76, its faculty and staff are NOT responsible for any damaged, missing, or stolen cell phones. If a student has a cell phone and it is damaged or stolen, schools will not utilize administrative time to investigate the incident nor will the District take any financial responsibility for the cell phone or cell phone charges.

Cellular Phone Waiver

I have read the policy/procedure for acceptable cell phone use at Creve Coeur District #76. Moreover, I understand this policy/procedure and agree to abide by the terms and conditions held therein.

Student Name: _____

_____ Does your child currently have a cellular phone? (Yes/No)

Initial next to one of the following:

_____ Yes, my child will bring his/her cellular phone to school.

_____ No, my child will not be allowed to bring his/her cellular phone to school.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____