Isaiah T. Creswell Middle School of the Arts Cell Phone Policy

2019-2020

All cell phones in the possession of a student must be placed in his/her locker prior to the start of school at 7:30A.M. The device must be turned off and is to remain off for the entire school day. Students are free to use their phones after they are dismissed at 3:15P.M. each school day. Cell phones may not be used during Morning/After School Tutoring or After School Detention. Creswell teachers are given the right to allow technology use in their classroom for educational purposes only. In these cases, your child will be notified in advance to bring the device to class on that day.

Parents, if you need to contact your child, we ask that you call the main office at 615-291-6515. We are more than happy to relay your message to your child. Because your child is immersed in a structured learning environment from 7:30A.M.-3:15P.M., we ask that parents, guardians, and other outsiders refrain from attempting to contact your child during regular school hours on their device.

Students found in violation of the above policy will be asked to forfeit their device. The device will be labeled, placed in a baggie, and locked away until a parent comes to retrieve the device. Beginning with a student’s second offense, they will be disqualified from the month incentive.

He/she will receive an office referral for violating Code 203 in the 2019-20 MNPS Student Handbook; Electronic Devices: Improper Use of Cell Phone, Internet or Electronic Devices. Any student who refuses to forfeit their device will be faced with further disciplinary action. Multiple violations of this policy could lead to disciplinary action up to expulsion from school.

Due to the fact that students will not be allowed to call home regarding confiscated items, the earliest that a cell phone can be picked up by a parent will be after dismissal. The office staff will not be waiting for parents to come collect phones.

Cell phone use at school is often the source of distractions, bullying, threats, fights, and theft. Apps such as Instagram, Snapchat, Kik, Musical.ly and other similar sites are often used by teens as a camping ground to participate in these activities. Please have regular conversations with your child and monitor their access to these sites.