

## New Dimensions High School Cell Phone Policy

Student possession of cell phones at New Dimensions High School is allowable subject to the following rules and regulations.

Cell phones are a distraction to the learning process and failure to adhere to the school's policy will result in disciplinary action and may include suspension and loss of academic learning time and the opportunity to make-up missed work.

With this in mind, the administration and the NDHS Board of Directors request that if parents choose to allow their students to possess cell phones at school, please establish an understanding with them that, during school hours, all cell phones must remain turned off and IN book bags, purses or in vehicles. Students are not to have cell phones in their possession during the academic day.

Additionally, the NDHS prohibits the use of all communication devices that, in its opinion, have limited or no educational value or their use creates learner distraction and disruption. New Dimensions High School reserves the right to define the educational value of any new electronic wireless communication devices that may become available to the general public in the future and to prohibit their use if they have little or no educational value or if such use creates learner distraction or disruption.

Possession of a cell phone by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student not abiding by the terms of this policy. This policy statement serves as a first warning, detailing the prohibitions and discipline, associated with the NDHS cell phone use policy.

Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones. New Dimensions High School shall not assume responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of a cell phone, or unauthorized calls made on a cell phone.

### Use of Cell Phones on School Grounds

Students may use cell phones before 9:00AM and after 4:00PM, as long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption. A student may possess a cell phone on school property, at after school activities, and at school-related functions, provided that during school hours the cell phone remains off, concealed and secured in book bags or vehicles during the academic day.

### Disciplinary Action

It is the students'/sponsors' responsibility to ensure all guidelines are followed, if they choose to bring a cell phone to school. Students who violate the above restrictions shall be deemed to have created a disruption in the educational environment and are subject to disciplinary actions, as outlined below.

First offense	Phone confiscated*	detention(s) assigned consistent with school policy
Second offense	Phone confiscated*	out-of-school suspension; forfeit of privilege**
Third offense	Phone confiscated*	out of school suspension three days; loss of make-up work privilege
Forth offense	Phone confiscated*	parent will be asked to withdraw their child from NDHS

\*Confiscated phones will be returned to the students' sponsor only; also, if any criminal violations may have been allegedly committed, the police will be called and the phone turned over as evidence.

\*\*Forfeit of privilege – student will no longer be allowed to bring a cell phone to school.

### NDHS Cell Phone Use Policy Agreement

As parent or guardian, I have read the cell phone use policy and have discussed it with my student. I understand that after the first offence, my child has lost the privilege of bringing a cell phone to school. Upon the forth offence, I understand that I will be asked to withdraw my child from NDHS.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign agreement and return to School at Front Office.

Thank you ~ The NDHS Administration