

## New Dimensions High School Cell Phone/Smart Watch Policy

Student possession of cell phones/smart watches, earbuds, gaming and similar devices at New Dimensions High School is allowable subject to the following rules and regulations.

Cell phones/smart watches 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 these devices at school, please establish an understanding with them that, during school hours, all communication devices must remain turned off and IN book bags, purses or in vehicles. Students are not to have cell phones or smart watches 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 said devices 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/smart watch use policy.

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

### Use of Communication Devices on School Grounds

Students may use cell phones and smart watches before 9:00AM and after 4:00PM, as long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption. **Students may not record with their cell phones at any time.** A student may possess these devices 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 returned to student at end of day.	
*Second offense	Phone confiscated**	Detention
*Third offense	Phone confiscated**	Detention
*Forth offense	Phone confiscated**	OSS and Forfeit of privilege***

\*Per Semester

\*\*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 for the remainder of the semester.

### 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:

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Please sign agreement and return to School at Front Office. Thank you ~ The NDHS Administration