



1215 N. Lava Flow Dr. St. George, Ut 84770 | Office: 435.674.6474 | www.scmiddle.org

Principal: Jerrod Dastrup
Email: jerrod.dastrup@washk12.org

Vice Principal: Jeff Harrah
Email: jeff.harrah@washk12.org

SCMS Families,

We recognize the importance of technology in our lives, and in the world of education. However, we have observed a substantial increase in fighting, bullying, harassing, and unkind behaviors between students. Nearly all of these issues are directly linked to inappropriate use of student technology; i.e. cell phones. Student use of cell phones, smart watches, and airpods/headphones have also caused major distractions in the learning environment. In an effort to improve the culture and behaviors that we are capable of as Warrior Nation, we ask for your support as we adhere to the WCSD [Technology Acceptable Use Policy 3700](#) as we strive to be more consistent in our approach to handling appropriate and inappropriate use of student devices.

1. Cell phones, smart watches, and airpods/headphones may be used on school grounds before school, during passing periods, during lunch, and after school.
2. Cell phones, smart watches, and airpods/headphones are not allowed on the student's body while in class, unless explicitly allowed by a staff member (students' backpacks are a great place to safely store these devices during class). Smart watches may be permitted for medical reasons.
3. Cell phone use is prohibited in classrooms, restrooms, and school offices unless otherwise stated by a teacher or staff member.
4. Cell phones must be placed in lockers, backpacks, or another location away from students and their desks during tests and assessments.
5. If students need to place an emergency phone call during class, they should request to go to the main office to use an office phone.
6. Students may be subject to disciplinary action if their use of their cell phone or smart watch disrupts the school's educational environment. Examples of this include, but are not limited to: cheating, bullying, harassment, unlawful recording or photographing, recording fights or other student incidents, violating other school rules.
7. The school and its staff are not responsible for any damage to or theft of a student's cell phone. Students must properly secure and take care of their own phones.
8. Students will be given a hard copy and their parents will be given an electronic copy of the policy on Monday, December 19, 2022. They must read the cell phone policy and return a signed copy to their homeroom teacher. There will not be homeroom until Friday, January 6, 2023. Homeroom teachers will accept the 'Cell Phone Policy Agreement' anytime during the school day, beginning December 20, 2022.



Our Purpose — Ensuring high levels of learning for all students.
Our Mission — Ensuring our students acquire Academic and Social skills for life-long success.

9. Students will not be permitted to have their phones at school until the signed policy is returned. Signing the policy acknowledges understanding of the rules and consequences for violations.

If students violate the school's cell phone policy, the following may occur:

- **First offense:** The student's cell phone will be confiscated by a staff member and held in the main office until the end of the school day. Before being allowed to pick up their phone at the end of the day, students must discuss and review the cell phone policy with a staff member. If the student has not yet returned this cell phone policy agreement, the parent will have to come pick up the cell phone and sign the agreement.
- **Second offense:** The student's cell phone will be confiscated and held in the main office until the end of the school day. The student's parents will be contacted and informed of the refusal to follow the school's cell phone policy and have to come pick up the cell phone at their earliest convenience. Students will have one lunch detention.
- **Additional offenses:** The same procedure as a "Second Offense" applies. However, based on the situation, the student might receive multiple days of lunch detention. If the student is combative, defiant, insubordinate, etc. with a staff member, they could receive added lunch detentions and/or be suspended.

**The administration reserves the right to adjust these consequences on a case-by-case basis if needed.

For example, extreme behaviors that break the law, or bullying or harassment of other students, may result in suspension.

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____