



Newfield High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians, and Caregivers:

Newfield High School has been experiencing an increased number of discipline and disruption issues, as well as decreased socialization of students with cell phone and other personal electronic devices use and misuse. Students' use of these devices is also distracting them from their academic responsibilities. There have been recent studies and articles directly related to the disruptions and hindrance of the learning process that cell phones and devices are causing in schools across the nation.

Although we understand that cell phones have become a normal part of our society, we feel obligated to teach responsible use of these devices. Therefore, the following procedure will be in place for the upcoming school year:

- Cell phones/ear buds/pods/other personal electronic devices can be used before classes, in between classes, and at lunch
- There will be no use of these devices in classes, academic labs, the library, (hallways and bathrooms during class time), unless the teacher gives permission to use it for academic purposes.

Consequences

- 1st referral – 1 lunch detention
- 2nd referral – 2 lunch detentions
- 3rd referral – 3 lunch detentions
- 4th referral – Student will sign the phone into the office upon arrival and sign it out at dismissal
- Further referrals will result in a parent conference to create a plan to prevent future incidents

We feel this procedure will allow our students to use their phones responsibly and hold them accountable when they violate the code of conduct. This will also help prepare students as they move into employment with cell phone limitations. I am attaching the portion of the code of conduct that deals with student use of personal devices, as well.

We appreciate your support as we continue to put academics first and ensure our students are prepared for life after high school. If you need to contact your child during the school day please contact the office and we will convey information and/or have your student call you back at an appropriate time, unless it is an emergency. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the main office at 564-9955 ext. 3130.

Sincerely,

Patrick V. Mahunik
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