

## **CELL PHONES**

Mountain Discovery has a Cell Phone free policy. Our goal is for students to be fully engaged in school activities. Text messages and social media are distractions that inhibit quality engagement and learning. Middle School students will be required to place their personal devices such as, but not limited to, phones in a locked container upon arriving at school. At the end of the day, students will retrieve their devices. If a student leaves school early, they will retrieve their devices from their homeroom teacher. If a student needs to contact their parent or guardian, they may, with permission, use the phones in classrooms or the office. Parents may call the office and a message will be delivered to the student, or if necessary, the student will be provided the opportunity to call home.

Enforcement:

1st offense. If a student fails to turn over their device(s), a written warning will be sent home. The student will return the warning with a parent/guardian signature within two days.

2nd offense. If a student is caught a second time with a phone, the device will be sent to the office and parents must come in person to retrieve the phone at a time designated by the Administration. This will usually be between 3:30 and 4:00.

3rd offense. In addition to the procedures for the 2nd offense, students will receive 1 day ISS (In School Suspension) and will be required to do research on healthy phone/device habits.

If a student has more than three offenses, an in person meeting with the student, parent/guardian, and administration will be required. Additionally, the student will receive 1 day of ISS.

This policy may be expanded to Smart Watches if the watch is being used to circumvent the cell phone policy. Repeated violations of cell phone policy will result in multiple days of ISS, OSS, and/or loss of free time privileges.

### **Devices on the Bus**

Use on the bus is up to the discretion of the bus driver. If use of the device is causing disruption, it becomes a safety issue and the device will be confiscated and may result in suspension from the bus.

**MDCS discipline policies and procedures will adhere to the North Carolina School Discipline and Regulations**