



# Carter School of Excellence

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Dear Parents,

Cell phones have become a way of life, a technological convenience that has impacted all of our lives in one way or another. However, in the school environment, cell phones have become a distraction, interruption, and a method of illegal exchange of information and has intensified cyber bullying. Cell phone activities during school takes away from the valuable time needed for instruction and most importantly, student learning. We do recognize that cell phones can be a safety/security tool; however, they can be a detriment in the event of a building emergency and our protocol to manage such emergencies in a safe and effective manner. Parents are urged to utilize the school phone to relay any messages that may be urgent in nature to their child. We will do our best to relay any urgent information to your child.

No student will be allowed to possess or use a cell phone during the hours of 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Teachers will collect phones at the beginning of each morning, lock them in the secured lockbox, and store that box in a locked closet. Students will receive cellphones back at the end of each day. Of course, the best security for the cell phone is to leave it home. If a student is found to be in possession or use of a cell phone, it will be confiscated and held until a parent or legal guardian can come retrieve the phone. Middle school students will also receive a demerit (points deduction for each occurrence).

Thank you for your continued support, as Carter Staff works to ensure the highest level of education for all students.

Yours truly,

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