



## **Merit Academy Cell Phone & Electronic Use Policy**

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The Board of Directors of MA acknowledges that parents may wish to be able to get in touch with their child at pick up time or in case of an emergency. Students may bring cell phones or other types of electronic communication devices for emergency or after school purposes. Phones (or other electronic devices) must be kept in their locker during school hours.

They may not be used in the classroom or during lunch or recess without the permission of the teacher. Upon the first offense, the phones (or other electronic devices) will be returned to the student at the end of the day. The subsequent offenses will require parents to pick up the phone (or other electronic device) at a later time. Students may not text message, chat, play games, or communicate via electronic means, or take photos of other students during school hours.

Violations will be handled in accordance to the discipline matrix.