


Bridges Charter School		Board Policy- Cell Phone Policy	
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When on campus, ALL student cell phones (and any other electronic device) must be turned off and not on their person (ie pocket, purse,). The device/phone must be stored in their locker or backpack once a student enters the gates in the morning and remain there until exiting the gates in the afternoon unless explicit permission is given by a teacher or an emergency situation arises. Watches connected to any cellular or internet data must be in “school time” mode or turned off while inside the school gates during school hours. If a student needs to contact their parent/guardian during the school day they may do so either with the permission of the classroom teacher or by reporting to the front office and requesting to make a phone call. Video recording or taking pictures of other students/staff is strictly forbidden unless written consent has been given in advance.

Certain exceptions to the policy are as follows:

- In the case of an emergency
- In response to a perceived threat or danger
- When a teacher or administrator grants explicit permission to a student to possess or use a smartphone/device for his/her class or activity
- When a doctor determines a smartphone/device is necessary for the health or well-being of a student
- When possession or use of the smartphone is required in a student’s Individualized Education Program

If a student is in violation of this policy their phone or device may be confiscated and held by a teacher or a staff member or sent to the office until the end of the day. Repeat offenses may result in the student being banned from bringing their device to school.