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Kenner Intermediate's Updated Cell Phone/Personal Electronic Device (PED) Policy

This year, we have updated our cell phone and personal electronic device (PED) policy to reduce distractions from learning and increase social interactions amongst students during recess and nutrition breaks.

Rationale:

Due to growing cell phone and PED availability, students have become increasingly distracted by their devices, often using them in classrooms, hallways and washrooms without permission. In some cases, videos and images have been unknowingly recorded and posted to social media accounts. These issues have led to poor performance in class, cyberbullying and a habitual need to check messages for some students. As a place of learning, we want the very best for your children, which means we must reduce all distractions and ensure that everyone has the ability to reach their full potential. Consequently, we will be making the following changes for the upcoming school year.

What Will Change?

Starting September 3, 2019, students will not be permitted to use their cell phones and/or PED at any point throughout the school day, from 8:25 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., including breaks, unless they receive explicit permission from staff to use their devices for educational purposes. This means that students will be expected to turn off their devices immediately upon arrival on school grounds and will store them safely in their lockers each day. To ensure devices are kept safe while at school, all students will require a working combination lock at the beginning of the year. For those who wish, a quality lock can be purchased at the intermediate office for \$6.

Parents and guardians wishing to contact their child during the day in the event of an emergency or to convey important information can do so by speaking to our office staff at (705) 743-2181. We are happy to pass along any message to your child or have them call you from the office phone should you need to speak to him/her. We appreciate your cooperation and support in the interest of student learning.

In Summary:

- **Cell phone/PED use will not be permitted on school grounds from the beginning to the end of the school day (8:25 a.m. to 2:45 p.m) unless staff have given explicit permission for devices to be used for educational purposes**
- **Cell phones/PEDs must be turned off immediately upon arrival at school**
- **A combination lock must be purchased to safely store cell phones in lockers during the school day**
- **All communication between parents/guardians and students must be conveyed through the office during school hours**

CELL PHONE FREE ZONE



**Please,
turn off
your Phone.
Students are
Learning.**