



D. Newlin Fell Elementary School

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Cell Phone Policy

Dear Parents/Guardians of D. Newlin Fell Elementary,

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform/remind everyone of the NO Cell Phone policy at Fell Elementary:

- **All cell phones, smart watches and earbuds are strictly prohibited during the school day (9:00 – 3:39). This includes all times during lunch/recess/hallways/bathrooms.**

Below is a list of potential student violations. Any of these violations will result in the confiscation of the student's phone by the school administration.

- 1) Using a phone during school hours
- 2) Phone ringing/vibrating or otherwise distracting the classroom environment
- 3) Refusal to put the cell phone away when asked to do so

Disciplinary Action

1st Violation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phone confiscated by administration until the end of the day• Parent contacted by phone/email/text• Student detention
2nd Violation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phone confiscated by administration until the end of the day• Parent contacted by phone/email/text to schedule in person meeting regarding the continued use of the phone• Student must serve detention
3rd Violation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phone confiscated by administration until the end of the day• Parent must retrieve the phone from the school• Student must serve detention• Student's cell phone privileges banned for 60 days

“Excellence Is The Standard”

Our focus during the school day must always be on academic excellence. We cannot let social media interfere with teaching and learning or your child's education. If we are to be a model school and outperform other region/district schools, then we need all students to remain focused and make progress on a daily, weekly, yearly basis. It's going to take a team effort to accomplish this goal.

Let's start off this school year strong. As always, I want to thank you for your continued support. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the main office.

Respectfully,

Mr. Ashe, Principal

FAQs

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. Please refrain from contacting your student during the school day unless it is an emergency. If you have an emergency the school and your student should be aware of please contact the main office at 215-400-8260.

What if there is an emergency at school?

In case of an emergency at school, we direct our students to safety first. All parents/guardians will be contacted by the school directly. Students will have their cell phones on their person at all times if this should happen.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Students will possess their phone for the entire school day with the exception of those students who have violated the cell phone policy. We will advise students to keep their phone in their backpacks where it is safe.

What if my student struggles to follow the new cell policy?

Clear, consistent expectations and communication are important during any new change. The policy is designed in such a way that following the no cell phone policy is easy. As this policy is implemented as a safety measure, students' refusal to adhere to the policy will result in a phone ban. If your student is struggling to follow the new policy, the school will contact you to set up an in-person conversation with you and your student.

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