

November 6, 2024

To the Sangre de Cristo Middle School Parents and Guardians,

At Sangre de Cristo Schools our priority is providing a safe, engaging learning environment where all students feel welcome. Cell phones lead to educational disruptions, distractions and significant social conflict. For this reason, Sangre de Cristo Schools will no longer allow cell phones in the elementary and middle school during the day. **If you need to get in contact with your child please call the school and we can get them to the office to talk to you or we can get them a message.** Cell phones must be silenced and remain in student lockers during school hours. Below is our policy and the rules that will be enforced.

Per our policy the following rules will be enforced;

Policy

1. **Cell Phone Storage:**
 - Cell Phones must be powered off or silenced and stored securely in lockers during school hours.
2. **Before and After School:**
 - Cell Phone use is permitted before and after school hours, within reasonable limits and respectful of others.
 - Cell phones may not be used during school hours, this includes breakfast, lunch and passing periods. No cell phones will be allowed.
3. **Consequences for Violation:**
 - **First Offense:** Warning and temporary confiscation of the device.
 - **Second Offense:** Parent/guardian contact and extended device confiscation.
 - **Subsequent Offenses:** Further disciplinary action.

Rationale

- **Enhanced Focus:** Minimizing distractions promotes better attention and academic performance.
- **Reduced Cyberbullying:** Limiting access can help prevent cyberbullying and other negative online behaviors.
- **Improved Social Interaction:** Encourages face-to-face communication and stronger social bonds.
- **Digital Citizenship:** Teaches responsible technology use and digital etiquette.

Review and Updates

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Adjustments may be made as needed to address evolving technology and student needs.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, please sign the back of this letter acknowledging you have received and read these expectations. After signing this please have your student return the letter to their ICAP teacher. If you have any questions please contact our admin office.

Thank you,

Sangre de Cristo Administration

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this cell phone use policy. I agree to support its implementation and encourage my child to adhere to these guidelines.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date