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Rittman Academy Students & Parents/Guardians,

In the most recent fall newsletter, the issues of social media and use of cell phones in school was discussed.

Here is what was in that newsletter:

All schools are dealing with the issues that social media and cell phones present. The Rittman Academy does not allow cell phone usage during academic time. Cell phones are a distraction to learning. We have purchased a lockable cabinet that cell phones are placed into upon arrival. Students can access their cell phones during their lunch time to respond to text or e-mails.

As a parent/guardian, you can always get messages or contact your child in the case of an emergency by calling our lab phone at 330-927-7162.

This policy of locking up the phones began in the spring of 2018.

Unfortunately, we have a number of students that:

1. Are not willing to lock their phones up upon arrival. We have to ask them (with reluctance) to lock them up every day.
2. Students who hide their phones and say they don't have it, but then go to the rest room to use their phone.
3. Students who lock up an old phone or "dead" phone and then keep their "active" phone on their possession
4. After the 20 minute lunch period where the students can access their phones, they will not lock them back up without going through the same conflict.

When the vast majority of students do lock their phones up, but others don't follow this rule, it creates friction and the feeling of not being consistent in the enforcement of rules.

We are not going to physically remove phones from students. We are not going to "frisk" kids daily or go through book bags or purses.

We are simply saying that students who refuse to follow this rule will be sent home with unexcused absence time. Repeated violators will be subject to removal from the Rittman Academy School.

Because this has become such an issue, we are asking that both the student and parent/guardian sign this sheet saying you have read and understand our cell phone policy.

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent/Guardian