

## Updates Made to Junior High Handbook for 2018-19

### Policy Updates per ASBA

- 4.5
- 4.11
- 4.27
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### Cell Phone Policy

Students may be allowed to use their cell phones before school, during lunch, and after school in accordance with the Electronic Devices policy in the handbook. Use during class time is prohibited except as prescribed in the Electronic Devices policy in the handbook. Use during passing periods is prohibited. Use of a cell phone while operating a vehicle is prohibited. If a student's cell phone is put away and emits a sound due to the student having inadvertently failed to silence it, the teacher may issue a warning for the first offense. Any further offenses will be considered as violations of the cell phone policy. Failure to surrender a cell phone to a staff member shall constitute insubordination, as well as the cell phone violation, and will be dealt with in accordance with policy.

### Semester Test Policy

Semester tests, which count as one fifth (1/5) of the semester grade, will be given in all classes at the end of first semester. All students must take semester tests at the end of first semester. Semester tests will be given in all classes at the end of second semester to those students who do not meet exemption requirements. A student may be exempt from a semester test for the second semester if he/she meets all of the following requirements:

1. The student has a grade of C or higher in the class.
2. The student has 5 or fewer absences in the class.
3. The student has not received Out of School Suspension at any time during the school year.
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School-related or school-sponsored absences will be considered a school activity and will not count as an absence when figuring exemptions.

No semester tests will be given early.