

HORIZON MONTESSORI III CELL PHONE POLICY

In an effort to support student safety and privacy before and after school, Horizon Montessori III students are allowed to possess cell phones on campus. Students must adhere to the following rules regarding cell phone use:

- Cell phones must be turned off and cannot be visible on campus during the school day.
- The campus includes loading and unloading areas for cars in the building, or on campus grounds.
- The school day includes, but is not limited to, before or after school, class time, passing periods, lunch periods, after school detention or tutorials, during emergency drills, practices for extracurricular events and field trips.
- Placing a cell phone on vibrate or texting is not considered off and is prohibited.
- Using a cell phone to take pictures, record or video tape is prohibited.

FIRST OFFENSE

- The cell phone will be confiscated and returned to a parent or guardian.
- In accordance with Texas Education Code 37.082 a \$15 administrative fee will be collected.

SECOND OFFENSE and FUTURE OFFENSES

- The cell phone will be confiscated and returned to a parent or guardian.
- Student will be unable to participate in any “GREEN” zone (cell phone friendly area).
- In accordance with Texas Education Code 37.082 a \$15 administrative fee will be collected.

Failure to comply with a staff directive to turn in a cell phone will be considered defiance of authority and subject to disciplinary action according to the Student Code of Conduct. If parents need to contact a student during the school day, they are requested to contact the school office for assistance. If students need to use a phone during the school day, they must use a school phone, which are made available to students with appropriate permission. Horizon Montessori III personnel are not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged cell phone or electronic devices.

HORIZON MONTESSORI III ZONE INDICATOR

Red Zone: An area designated as a Red Zone indicates that any personal device, permitted or otherwise, is strictly prohibited. A classroom designated as a Red Zone may ask that all personal devices be placed in a predetermined location or out in plain sight but turned off and not in use. All restrooms and hallways are designated as a Red Zone.

Green Zone: An area designated as a Green Zone indicates that personal devices may be in use for school related tasks as permitted and directed by school personnel. **At lunch time, the cafeteria and recess area will be designated as a Green Zone if earned.**

*Texting while walking through the hallways is a safety concern and therefore prohibited