

## DETROIT ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES SCHOOL DISTRICT

### CELL PHONE POLICY

As a learning organization, the Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences continuously reviews current research as it relates to our own practices in order to improve the educational experience for our students. Based on research regarding the use of cell phones by school-aged children, we have reflected on how to best support our students as they learn and grow. The Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences have adapted district practices to support all students. We want to ensure every student feels safe, and that the bullying and harassment that could be instigated by cell phone use is eliminated. Thus, **cell phone usage by our students will be prohibited**. Upon entry into the school building cell phones will be stowed and secured (in cell phone lockers) until the close of the school day.

We understand that it is very important to parents that their children are able to keep their phones in order to communicate with them after school or in the event of an emergency. Therefore, in the event of an emergency, parents will be contacted immediately to keep them informed. If parents need to get in contact with a student throughout the school day, they should call the main office and our staff will ensure that the student returns the call. If students need to place an emergency call during the day, they have access to phones in the classrooms. Therefore, cell phones should never be visible or audible under any circumstances during school hours. If a student's cell phone is visible or audible at any time on campus, that phone will be confiscated, and a parent will be required to pick up the device from school administration. The student will also be subjected to consequences based on the Student Code of Conduct. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation and we look forward to having a successful school year!

Questions regarding this policy can be directed to your school's Dean of Culture.