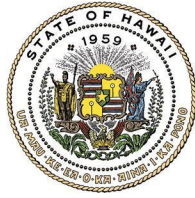


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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are writing in regards to students' cell phones, which have become a disruption in school. School policy prohibits students from bringing phones or electronic devices onto campus. If you would like your child to bring a phone to school for security or safety purposes, that phone should remain in their backpack at all times during school hours. Unfortunately, students have had them out during recess, in class, breakfast, and at lunch, in spite of frequent reminders from staff to put them away. Due to several instances where phones were misused and caused major disruptions, we will be strictly enforcing the policy in the future.

If students have their phone out, it will be confiscated and returned to them at the end of the day. If it happens a second time, parents will need to come to school to pick it up. If it happens a third time, a higher consequence will be added and a meeting will be held with administration.

We want to ensure students understand the responsibility of their tech devices and that they are following the General Learner Outcome, Effective and Ethical User of Technology (The ability to use a variety of technologies effectively and ethically). Parents and families, in particular, have a crucial role to play in helping their children to become responsible digital citizens, and to train them to be ready for a digital world. This includes understanding social media, cyberbullying, privacy and internet safety, and more.

We are sure you can understand our desire to keep our students safe on campus, hence the need to strictly enforce our phone/electronic devices policy. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school administration at 305-3900.

Sincerely,

Sam Bennett, Principal
Mark Gervacio, Vice Principal