

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I need your help. Your child's education is my top priority and to achieve this I am reaching out to you as a partner in the classroom. This email is to inform you that your student is off task, or distracted by their cell phone use. Our school expectations are that students do not use cell phones, unless given permission by the teacher, and as a tool to further their education.

Students are asked to put phones away, given warnings, and/or may also have had the phone taken and put in the desk drawer. It is because of the lengths I have had to go to, without any change in behavior with the phone, that you are receiving this message. This distracted behavior is shown to have a negative effect on a student's education. Recent research concludes that higher levels of smartphone use, instant messaging, media multitasking, and general electronic media usage disrupt the thought process and shorten the attention span thus causing poor academic performance (Smale et al., 2021). This in turn creates a dynamic where the student does not feel successful in the classroom and begins to affect their GPA and also self esteem. Click the link to read the full research article on cell phone use in classrooms: [Cell Phones, Student Rights, and School Safety: Finding the Right Balance.](#)

Please support the success of your student by discussing the proper use of cell phones. These boundaries will support students to become independent successful learners and self-actualized adults.

Please log in to [Infinite Campus](#) to track your student's grades and attendance. Cell phone abuse will have a direct impact on your student's participation grade.

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