



# OLD COLONY

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Dear Old Colony Families,

We are writing to inform you that beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, Old Colony RVTHS has made significant changes to our policy regarding student cell phone use. Cell phones have certainly become a staple in our day to day lives. However, in the educational environment, cell phone use among students has become a source of distraction.

There are times when the urge to respond to cell phone communication or engage in cell phone use detracts from a student's ability to be fully engaged. There are other times when use of a cell phone can result in an educationally sound contribution of relevance to the activity taking place. For this reason the following policy has been established:

- 1. Students who bring communication devices to school must keep them in "off" mode, from the start of first period until the dismissal bell at the conclusion of the school day. Communication devices must also be kept out of sight in a book bag, purse or pocket during the school day. Students will receive a Saturday detention and parent retrieval of cell phone will be required for violations of the aforementioned rules*
- 2. Cell phones will not be used at school during the school day, with the exception of students who are part of the EMS system. Said students must provide proof of service, and written permission from their supervisor to respond to necessary calls. These students will have permission to utilize the appropriate device for receipt of emergency calls.*
- 3. Students may access their cell phones for educational purposes with permission from the supervising teacher/instructor.*
- 4. Cell phones are not to be used during breaks, meals, or in the hallways during passing time.*

If a student is in need of a phone to communicate with a parent or guardian, that student is welcome to use the phone in the front office or in guidance. If a parent or guardian needs to contact their student at school, parents and guardians are encouraged to reach their student through the Main Office.

We thank you for your continued support of our efforts to maintain a rigorous and supportive educational environment.

Sincerely,

Aaron L. Polansky  
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