

Cell Phone Contract for Students in grades 9-12

Student use of cell phones, PDA's, or other electronic devices during the school day is a privilege. Adherence to the guidelines below is essential to maintaining an appropriate academic environment and the integrity of the school. **Abuse of this privilege will result in consequences beginning with** confiscation of device, parent conference, suspension, or loss of other privileges such as participation in school trips, internships, proms, and potentially graduation exercises. **This policy will be enforced, regardless of whether you sign the contract or not.**

Cell phones and all functions with the cell phone (i.e. cameras and all other applications) are prohibited in the following: all Classrooms, Science Labs, Hallways, Restrooms, all Physical Education Areas, and all School Office Areas.

Students using cell phones/PDA's or other functions on electronic devices in any manner that disrupts the educational environment, from within or from outside the classroom, or violates the rights of others, including, but not limited to, using the device in violation of our academic honesty policy, violating school conduct rules, harassing or bullying staff or students, photographing or video recording or using their device for unlawful purposes will be subject to more severe disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion and may, if applicable be reported to the Colebrook Police Department.

Cell Phone Rule: The respectful, non-disruptive use of cell phones is permitted in the school cafeteria during lunch period ONLY. As soon as the threshold of the school building is crossed, cell phones must be put away. Violation of the cell phone rule as stated above will result in the confiscation of the device according to the following ladder of disciplinary action:

- **First Offense** – the device will be held in the Administration office until the end of the school day. Students may pick up their phone following a behavioral contract review of this policy at the end of the school day in the main office.
- **Second Offense** – the device will remain in the main office until the end of the school day and a parent will have to pick it up; if a parent is unavailable, the phone will remain in the office until it is picked up by a parent.
- **Third Offense** – The student is no longer able to have a device at lunch until further notice as determined by Administration.

****It should be noted that refusal to surrender a cell phone or other electronic device when directed to do so by a school staff member, teacher, or administrator is insubordinate behavior and is punishable by suspension and exclusion from school events.***

Student signature

Parent signature