

DEVICE / CELL PHONE POLICY

“YEAR LONG” ALGEBRA I : CHELSI STREVEL

To say I’m excited about everyone having access to an internet capable device is an understatement. Students are going to be able to do, go, visit, and experience so much more than they ever could with just pencil and paper. This is not to say, we are leaving the past behind; on the contrary, we are adding valuable resources with the touch of a few buttons. With that said, it doesn’t come without concerns. The district has already implemented requirements to keep students safe online but it requires teachers, students and parents openly dialoging about student online safety for students to benefit while remaining protected. Because students now have access to a school issued device, **cell phone usage, of any kind, is never allowed in the Algebra classroom during instructional time.** Keeping phones put away and on silent/off will allow instructional time to be protected.

District Policy Code: IJBA Personal Electronic Devices-Laptops, Tablets, & Mobile Devices

- It is recognized that these devices can become distractions to the academic environment and therefore, negatively impact instruction.
- Students may possess and use electronic devices at school subject to the following: The student is using the device for an educational or instructional purpose with the teacher’s permission and supervision.
- Personally, owned electronic devices must access the Internet via the district’s content filtered wireless network.
<https://desoto.msbapolicy.org/DistrictPolicies/ViewsAdmin/SelectedDocumentReadOnly/tabid/8412/Default.aspx?docId=290706>

Desoto County School District Student Handbook Disciplinary Action of Level II **2-7

- Unauthorized use of personal electronic devices (as defined in Board Policy IJBA)

Parents and Students: Please read with your student and initial each statement.

1. _____ I UNDERSTAND I will not be allowed to use my cell phone or Smart Watch in Algebra class for ANY reason.
2. _____ I may only use my school issued laptop/tablet with EXPLICIT consent and under direct supervision.
3. _____ I am required to utilize the District’s secured wireless network to access the internet during instructional time. I cannot connect to my personal Hotspot. This is for my and other’s safety.
4. _____ Violation of these policies and administrative procedures or school/classroom rules in accordance with (See Internet/Device Policy per Student Handbook) DCSC/LHS will result in stated consequence.

Below is Ms. Strevel’s classroom Discipline Ladder.

1st : verbal warning (*Teacher will secure phone each day prior to tardy bell for 1 week*)

2nd: Parent contact (*Teacher will secure phone each day prior to tardy bell for 2 weeks*)

3rd: Office Referral - Flagrant violations are automatic referral

5. _____ 1st block laptops MUST be fully charged. Charging my laptop during instructional class time MUST be done prior to the tardy bell. Ms. Strevel will not provide chargers but she does have extension cords which may be used with minimal distractions PRIOR to tardy bell.
6. _____ I will only photograph or record myself or others in my group for educational purposes ONLY with the teacher’s permission. I will not send or publish educational purposed photos or recordings of others to anyone other than my teacher on the educational platform.
7. _____ **I read and understand Mrs. Strevel’s Syllabus**

If you have any concerns or questions please email me. This policy allows valuable instructional time to be honored and protected.

Student’s Name (Print)

Parent Name (Print)

Date

Block

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Teacher Signature
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