



Cell Phone (and other Wireless devices) Policy
September 1, 2016

The following was decided after much discussion among CBF faculty and shared with Vista Maria School Supervisor. It is understood that cellphone use is problematic in every school and more serious safety concerns here at CBF. Many strategies have been tried over the last 5 years. At this time, the staff has decided and agreed to the following:

Cell phones and other wireless communication devices must be silenced and out of sight (in locker, book bag, purse) during the school day. It is recommended that they are locked up during the school day. Failure to follow policy will be loss of privilege to have during school. (in Student Handbook)

A. Addressing Cell phone use around Residential Students

1. All faculty members will collectively follow the policy in every classroom, every day.
2. School-wide expectation is that the cell phone, or other wireless device, is physically out of sight—not in shoulder sleeve, back pocket, etc., but in lockers, purse, or book bag.
3. These expectations will be discussed during CS orientation with student and Student Advocate, AND discussed with all students during class guideline discussions. Discussions will address reasons for policy, especially safety concerns. Both CS and residential students will be held accountable.
4. During a class period, if a CS f student brings out wireless device, but quickly puts it away at reminder of adult in room (CBF or VM staff), teacher will continue with lesson.
5. If student brings out and uses it , in any fashion, the student will be asked to turn into teacher (or VM staff) for rest of period, lunch time, or end of day. (The CBF faculty will decide length based upon infraction.)
6. If student unwilling to give phone to adult, then CBF administration and/or Ms. Beal/Ms. Jones will be called upon to address student. A phone call will be made to the Student Advocate.
7. Progressive discipline, as stated in Handbook, will be enacted for patterns of offense.
8. If a staff member is uncomfortable asking student for wireless devise, he/she will seek coaching from Administrative staff and/or VM School Supervisor.
9. Relationship building, manner of approaching students will be in forefront—the goal is not to make this a power struggle.

B. Charging stations

1. Dr Baroni's and Ms. Cori's offices will be designated as charging stations.
2. Students may leave there cell phone there to be charged during course of day.

C. Acceptable Use

1. To make a necessary call, as defined by adult, student needs to go to office or escorted with an adult to private area.
2. Area by the front entrance (off limits to residential students) can be used to quickly check Voice Message and Texts during passing time. This will be monitored by an adult.