



## **CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICE POLICY**

Due to the distractions they create to the educational purpose of the school, cell phones, portable media players and other electronic data and communication devices are to be turned off during school hours, NOT just on silent mode. Portable media players must be stored in locked lockers.

Students are allowed to carry cell phones and other electronic signaling devices that operate via radio waves with the following stipulations:

1. The school will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged electronic signaling devices or portable media players.
2. The use of electronic signaling devices or portable media players is not permitted at any time during the school day, while on school grounds. The parking areas are considered part of school grounds.
3. Electronic signaling devices are to be on power off mode upon arriving on school grounds and remain that way until the end of the school day and after leaving school grounds.
4. International students must have a separate translator. Cell phones are not allowed to be used as translators.

Students relinquish any reasonable expectation of privacy when they use cell phones to call or send text messages at Christian Academy of Western New York. If a cell phone rings, buzzes, vibrates, flashes, etc., the CAWNY staff has the right to confiscate the phone and search the call log to determine who has been contacting the student.

If the call or message was initiated at Christian Academy of WNY, appropriate disciplinary action according to the discipline outlined below will be taken against everyone involved.

Phones ringing or buzzing in lockers will be considered in violation of school policy.

On some occasions, the student may ask to use his or her cell phone or electronic device *for school purposes*. If given permission by the teacher, the student may only use the device for which he or she was given permission. If the student violates the permission given and uses the device for other purposes, he or she will be subject to the discipline listed below.

Students will be permitted to possess and use cell phones, etc. during the school day in response to a health related emergency when a licensed physician has indicated in writing that the device is essential for the health of the student and the student has received prior permission from the school principal or designee to possess and use electronic devices in response to health related emergencies.

Other requests for the use of cell phones in special situations must be approved by the principal or his/her designee.

Consequences: The device will be confiscated immediately. Students may pick up their device in the school office at the end of that school day. Also, the student will be given the appropriate level of discipline, as detailed in the Parent/Student Handbook, to be determined by their number of device violations.

Signature indicates student is aware of this policy.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_