**Price MS Cell Phone Policy SY 23-24**

Cell phones are a wonderful tool of communication. They have become a way of life, a technological convenience that has impacted all of our lives in one way or another. However, in the school environment, cell phones have become a distraction, interruption and a method of negative and sometimes illegal exchange of information. The ringing of the cell phone during class, the text messaging, the social media post, etc… takes away from the valuable time needed for instruction and most importantly, student learning. We certainly recognize that cell phones can be a safety/security tool; however, they can be a detriment even in the event of a building emergency as false narratives can bring unnecessary anguish. Parents are urged to contact the school or teacher to relay any messages that may be urgent in nature to their child. We will relay any urgent messages to your child or have he/she come to the front office to speak with you.

***Students will not be permitted to use a cell phone without permission during the hours of 7:45AM and 3:45PM, with the exception of permitted scheduled activities. Cell phones must be off and secured. Of course, the best security for the cell phone is to leave it at home.*** As students arrive to school, they may be reminded that their cell phones should be turned off after breakfast. This will be considered a courtesy. If a student is found using a cell phone or with it on thereafter, there will be consequences. They are as follows:

**1st offense:**

Warning: Student will be redirected to put the phone out of sight. In the event, the student refuses to put it away, the student will go to the Success Center. The parent(s) will be called, and the consequence will be determined based on the correspondence.
**2nd offense:**

The phone will be given tostaff by the student and will be given back to the student at the end of the day. A phone call home will be made.
**3rd offense:**

The phone will be given to staff and sent to the office or the admin staff. A parent will be called to let them know that the student will be given their phone back after 5 days or the phone can be picked up by the parent at anytime.

**4th offense:**

* The phone will be given to staff and returned only to the parent with a parent conference conducted by support staff and/or administration.
* Student will go to the Success Center for a day.

**5th offense (and any thereafter):**

Wildcat University for up to 10 days.

*Note:**Our goal is to create a safe environment, conducive to learning, and free of all distractions that hinder the learning process. Any student that refuses to comply with the policy will have exhibited blatant defiance and will likely add on other consequences as stated in the APS Code of Conduct.*