

# Tatum Municipal Jr. High and High School Probationary Cell/Electronic Device Phone Policy

Maintaining the integrity of the learning environment is top priority at Tatum Jr. High and High School. Cell Phones shall cause no disruption. The Tatum Administration realizes the fact that cell phones are a part of our lives now, and also the fact, that we live in a rural area, that cell phones are a very important tool for families in various situations. We want to make this work for all parties, and would appreciate the help of parents in this situation. Students will be permitted to have cell phones in their possession before school, during passing periods, at lunch, and after school, however, as the students walk into class, they are to put their phone into their assigned slot of the phone holders provided by each teacher, and leave them in the slot until the end of class.

### **First Offense:**

Student will be referred to the office for an administrative warning and a review of the Cell Phone Policy. Administration will return the cell phone to the student at the end of the school day.

### **Second Offense:**

Student will be referred to the office. Parent/Guardian will be contacted by the building administrator. Student cell phone will be kept in the office vault until the parent picks it up. A conference will also be held with the student and parent/guardian to review the Cell Phone Policy.

### **Third Offense:**

Student will be referred to the office. Parent/Guardian will be contacted by a building administrator. Permission for the student to bring their cell phone to school will be revoked for a period of time as determined by school administration and parent/guardian.

### **Fourth Offense:**

**Permission for the student to bring their cell phone to school may be permanently revoked.** School administration reserves the right and will apply disciplinary measures on a case-by-case basis depending on the seriousness of the violation. Serious violations of the cell phone policy can and/or will result in immediate loss of cell phone privileges.

\*"Forgetting" to turn off the cell phone is not an acceptable excuse.

\*During times of testing and other student evaluations, teachers may remove cell phones from student possession and secure appropriately. This will reduce the possibility of compromised test security. **\*CAMERA CELL PHONES - The use of a cell phone to take, store, or transmit pictures is strictly prohibited.** It is the school's position that picture phones pose threats to privacy. Additionally, picture phones can be used to exploit personal information and compromise the integrity of educational programs. Accordingly, the use of the camera function of a cell phone is strictly prohibited on school premises at all times. Students who violate this provision of the policy will have their cell phone confiscated and only returned to a parent. At no time may any electronic communication device or camera be utilized by any student in a way which might reasonably create an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, or intimidated.

**\* Tatum Municipal School is NOT responsible for the loss, theft, damage or vandalism to student cell phones.**

**\*Tatum Administration reserves the right to go to a complete cell phone ban at any time during the year, if this probationary policy is abused by students.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_