

GRACE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Student Cell Phone Policy

Student cell phones are allowed on the Grace Community School campus before, during, and after school *only* under the following conditions:

1. Each parent wishing for his or her child to have a cell phone on campus must complete, sign, and submit a cell phone permission request form to the GCS office *requesting* that the child be allowed to have a cell phone on campus. *(The permission request form will require that the parent demonstrate a clear need for the cell phone [e.g., student walks home after school, student is involved in interscholastic sports, student is in tutoring, etc.])*
2. Permission to have a cell phone on campus will be granted by the administration, based upon a student's clearly established need *and* track record of compliance with GCS' published behavior standards.
3. Once a student is granted permission by the GCS administration to have a cell phone on campus, the student must adhere to the following rules for possession and use of the cell phone.
 - o The cell phone must remain either in the student's locker or backpack, *turned off*, and out of sight.
 - o The cell phone may be used *only* by that student (or sibling, as indicated on the permission request form) to call the student's parent or guardian, and only after school.
 - o First violation of any of the above conditions will result in a written warning, in the form of a detention.
 - o Second violation of any of the above conditions will result in the revocation of cell phone permission for the balance of the school year.

(Typical violations include, but are not limited to: a) offering or allowing another student to use the cell phone for any reason other than administration-approved emergencies; b) using the cell phone to call friends or people other than the student's parent or legal guardian; c) playing video games or otherwise using the cell phone for purposes other than calling the student's parent or legal guardian.

4. The GCS administration reserves the absolute right to revoke any student's cell phone privileges at any time without notice.
5. Grace Community School will not assume any responsibility for lost, stolen, damaged, or misused cell phones.