

## Important Information in regards to Communication Devices and Standardized Testing



Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of Texas Education Agency's (TEA) and Fort Bend Independent School District's policy in regards to cell phones and standardizing test including STAAR testing. If your child has a cell phone, please review and discuss the following policy with them prior to testing.

***The policy is as follows:***

During any state testing administration, if a student is found with a telecommunications device (i.e. cell phone, PDA, iPod, kindle, smart watch etc.) on their person at the time of testing, the device will be immediately confiscated and the student's answer sheet/test will be marked "Other". **The student will not receive credit for the test being taken and will not receive a test score.**

Each day, prior to the beginning of the testing session, the test administrator will request that all students turn off their cell phones and turn them in to the test administrator. Students will not receive their cellular device back until testing has concluded for the day. This is done in order to avoid the consequences that were previously stated. Prior to testing, the students will also be read the following statement:

*"As per the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Fort Bend ISD, the use of cell phones and other personal electronic devices including **smart watches, laptops, tablet computers, portable listening or recording devices, cameras or other photographic equipment, devices that can access the internet** and any other electronic device during testing is not permitted. Electronic devices must be powered off and turned in to the Test Administrator to hold until ALL students have completed the test. Being in possession of any electronic device(s) will result in **NOT SCORING** the test and disciplinary action will be taken by campus administration."*

In order to avoid any issues with state and district test security measures, please make sure that your student fully understands the policy regarding cellular and electronic devices, and the consequences associated with violating this directive. Thank you for your time and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Williams  
Principal