

CMAVTS CELL PHONE POLICY REVISION

The CMAVTS realizes that cellular technology is an embedded aspect of American culture. However, many disruptions to the typical school day occur due to student use and abuse of cellular technology. These disruptions are both material and substantial, frequently leading to a loss of instructional time for both individuals and groups. With a desire to increase time on task and eliminate activities which could be considered criminal, the CMAVTS seeks to amend its cellular phone policy as follows:

1. Students may possess cellular phones while on campus.
2. Students must turn off their cell phones prior to their entry into the building. Students may use their cell phones following the daily 3:11 dismissal.
3. Phones that are visible to faculty, staff, or administration prior to 3:11 will be confiscated and held by administration in the main office. Phones will be returned only to a parent. **Students will not be permitted to retrieve their own phone.**
4. Parents must pick up phones during normal business hours (7:30-3:30 Monday – Friday when school is in session).
5. Students will receive five demerits for their first violation of the amended policy; they will receive ten demerits for each subsequent violation. Accumulation of ten demerits will cause the student to spend one day in the CMAVTS re-assignment room.
6. Students who refuse to tender their phone when asked will be immediately escorted to the re-assignment room and remain there until they comply. They will receive a zero with no opportunity for make up for any time out of class for that reason. In addition, students will also receive ten demerits for insolence.
7. Any student who is found to possess pornography or other illicit or illegal materials on their phone will be reported to the South Center Township Police Department. Possible charges could include, but are not limited to:
 - Possession of pornography
 - Distribution of pornography
 - Corruption of minors
 - Child pornography related charges
 - Exploitation of minors
8. Students who have been found to have violated this policy through an interview with another student, or examination of another student's phone, will be subject to the same penalties.

Parents and students are reminded that the intention of this policy is not to limit contact among families. Parents may call the school's main office to have important messages forwarded to students. Students may also, with permission, utilize the office phones or pay phone