

JONES COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Cell Phone Practice

Cell phones are a prohibited item for all middle school students. If a student is found to be in possession of a cell phone, and if the cell phone is taken by school personnel during the school day, a \$10 cell phone fee will be charged.

If a student has a cell phone taken up, the parents may pay the fee and pick up the cell phone between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:45 pm in the front office at the school. The cell phone fee must be taken care of in order to obtain the cell phone. Only cash will be accepted and a receipt will be given to the parent when the fee is paid. All collected fees would be deposited in the school account and donated to local charitable organizations such as Relay for Life, Hope Missions, and The Jones County School Museum.

If the student demonstrates appropriate behavior in response to the cell phone being taken, no other discipline action will be issued to the student.

If a student has a cell phone taken up and the family is uncomfortable paying the fee, the cell phone will be held for 30 days from the date it was taken. After 30 days the phone will then be released for the parent to pick up. This will only be an option provided the cell phone is relinquished without incident.

If a student is found to be in possession of a cell phone, and is asked to relinquish the cell phone in question, and if the student refuses to follow the instructions given by school personnel, the student will be placed in ISS. A parent will then be notified. The student will remain in ISS until a parent conference can be held. A determination about the cell phone fee and consequences for insubordination relating to the failure to relinquish the cell phone will be resolved during the parent conference.

This procedure and protocol for dealing with cell phones will be discussed with the faculty and students during pre-planning and the first few days of school. Implementation will begin after an extensive effort has been made to notify all stakeholders.

If you have any questions concerning our practice to address cell phones please contact your child's homeroom teacher or the school.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date