

# John H. Taggart School

## Cell Phone Policy 2021-2022

September 3, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform/remind everyone of the Cell Phone policy at John H. Taggart School and that of the School District of Philadelphia.

All cell phones and earbuds are strictly prohibited during the school day (9:00 – 3:39). This includes lunch/recess. The following steps will be implemented for non-compliance with the policy:

- ❖ One verbal warning will be issued to the student.
  - If the student does not comply, the parent will be contacted.
- ❖ If the student continues to refuse compliance, then a one-day suspension will be levied followed by a parent meeting.
- ❖ For repeat offenders, additional days of suspension will be applied.

We will begin collecting cell phones on a daily basis beginning on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**. Phones will be securely stored during the school day in the student's homeroom in a locked box. Phones will be redistributed to the student(s) at the end of the school day.

Parents, our focus during the school day must continue to be teaching and learning, and we wish to maintain an environment free from distraction. Our hope is that all of our students remain focused during the school day and continue to make progress. In light of the loss of instructional time during the pandemic, it is critical that students not be distracted by the use of their cell phones. It's going to take a team effort to accomplish this goal.

If you have questions or concerns about this policy, please indicate that you wish to be contacted by returning the form below. If this form is not returned by **9/15/2021**, it will be assumed that you are in agreement with the policy and your child will adhere to it. This form is also available on our website and on Class Dojo.

As always, I want to thank you for your continued support. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the main office.

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**I have read the information about the cell phone policy** and have discussed it with my child.

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Student Name

Student Grade and Homeroom

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Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Number

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Parent / Guardian Signature and Date