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Hello Roo Community!

I want you to know about an important school policy taking place this school year. All KHS classrooms will be cell phone free zones. As a result, cell phones should remain in school bags or lockers, off or on silent mode, through the entirety of all classes. This is change from previous years when teachers set individual policies for cell phone use within their classroom. All teachers will have a consistently worded cell phone free policy posted in their classroom, supported by a progressive administrative policy aligned with our Killeen ISD Student Code of Conduct to reinforce it. Specifics will be communicated during the first week of school.

As a technology forward school that embraces the KISD Mission “To Teach So That Students Learn to Their Maximum Potential”, KHS wants to help teach and promote appropriate digital citizenship. Our school staff has overwhelmingly agreed with current research that a consistent school-wide policy to minimize cell phone activity in class will help students stay more present and engaged in their learning. The intent is to support them in their academic success, removing a major temptation and distraction, and promoting face to face social interaction and connection. Teachers have repeatedly observed that a cell phone on a desk, even when in use as a research tool, still provides too tempting a distraction. When it dings or buzzes, the minds of even the most focused students wander away. Phones are not merely distractions for their owners in the classroom, but cell phones can also be a source of distraction for teachers and classmates alike.

Students that do not comply with this policy will receive a verbal warning from their teacher. If the behavior continues, teachers will assist the students in staying focused by requiring them to place their phone in a locked location in the classroom for the remainder of the period. If students refuse to comply, a referral will be written, and administration will contact you regarding progressive consequences aligned with the KISD Student Code of Conduct. Repeated behavior requiring redirections may result in a discipline referral.

Our teachers are excited about working with your student in creative engaging classroom environments that embrace our motto this year “All Grit, No Quit!” Thank you for helping us keep your child focused on learning.

Kara Trevino

Principal