

# Deming Intermediate School – **CELL PHONE Policy**

**Maintaining the integrity of the learning environment is top priority at Deming Intermediate School. Cell Phones shall cause no disruption.**

Students will be permitted to have cell phones in their possession; however, they must be kept **OFF** and **OUT OF SIGHT** during the school day. This includes lunch periods.

Camera, text messaging, or use of any other function available on a cell phone is expressly prohibited on school grounds.

*Should a student be observed using a cell phone or a cell phone rings during the school day, the following disciplinary consequences will occur:*

## **First Offense:**

Student will be referred to the office for an administrative warning and a review of the Deming Intermediate School Cell Phone Policy. Administration will return the cell phone to the student at the end of the school day.

## **Second Offense:**

Student will be referred to the office. Parent/Guardian will be contacted by the building administrator. Student cell phone will be kept in the office vault until the parent picks it up. A conference will also be held with the student and parent/guardian to review the Deming Intermediate School Cell Phone Policy.

## **Third Offense:**

Student will be referred to the office. Parent/Guardian will be contacted by a building administrator. Permission for the student to bring their cell phone to school will be revoked for a period of time as determined by Deming Intermediate School administration and parent/guardian.

## **Fourth Offense:**

**Permission for the student to bring their cell phone to school may be permanently revoked.**

Deming Intermediate School administration reserves the right and will apply disciplinary measures on a case-by-case basis depending on the seriousness of the violation. Serious violations of the cell phone policy can and/or will result in immediate loss of cell phone privileges.

\*“Forgetting” to turn off the cell phone is not an acceptable excuse.

\*During times of testing and other student evaluations, teachers may remove cell phones from student possession and secure appropriately. This will reduce the possibility of compromised test security.

**\*Safety Code drills are considered cell phone blackouts. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE on cell phone use during these situations.** Cell phone privileges will be permanently suspended if students use their phone during these events.

**\*CAMERA CELL PHONES - The use of a cell phone to take, store, or transmit pictures is strictly prohibited.** It is the school’s position that picture phones pose threats to privacy. Additionally, picture phones can be used to exploit personal information and compromise the integrity of educational programs. Accordingly, the use of the camera function of a cell phone is strictly prohibited on school premises at all times. Students who violate this provision of the policy will have their cell phone confiscated and only returned to a parent. At no time may any electronic communication device or camera be utilized by any student in a way which might reasonably create an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, or intimidated.

**\* Deming Intermediate School is NOT responsible for the loss, theft, damage or vandalism to student cell phones. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to insure that, if students have cell phones in their possession, they should not leave them unattended or unsecured. They are a popular theft item.**