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## **Ginn Academy Cell Phone Policy**

The Ginn Academy believes in maintaining a safe and effective educational environment for all of its students. Research shows that the mere presence of cellphones in the classroom can be detrimental to student performance. The Ginn Academy Cell Phone Policy is designed to create a culture of students disconnected from their phones so that they can connect with learning and instruction.

The Ginn Academy has a **zero tolerance** and **zero use** of cell phones during the instructional day. All cell phones will be collected at the beginning of each school day and placed in a secure location. Students who refuse to comply will receive a mandatory parent conference where the policy will be shared and the family will be given the option to participate or choose a different school. Students who get caught using a phone that was snuck into school will be given the option of choosing a different school. The Ginn Academy is an institution of excellence and failure to comply with the cell phone policy is not an option. We are providing an academic and social environment that is preparing our young men to be leaders. We cannot continue to support students who do not have the same goals.

### **Emergency Situations**

If an emergency arises, please feel free to call the school at **216-838-4466** or your son's Youth Support. If your son has an emergency, you will be contacted immediately by one of our staff members.

### **Technology in the Classroom**

Teachers who wish to utilize student phones as part of their instruction will be able to obtain phones and return them to a secure location.

This policy will give all students the opportunity to learn in an environment free from stimuli that distracts from learning while, at the same time, reducing the amount of cyber bullying and organized chaos that occurs during the day and after school. Please review this policy with your son prior to the beginning of the 2019-20 school year as **phones will be collected on the first day of school**. We appreciate your support of The Ginn Academy Cell Phone Policy which will allow us to continue to educate and cultivate your son.