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Dear Miles Park Families,

We are making our schools a **phone-free space** to improve teaching and learning experience using the lockbox system. The lock-box system has been implemented in over 1,000 schools across 21 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment.

This change aligns with **CMSD's board policy** that states that *"To maintain a secure and orderly learning environment, students who choose to bring a personal cellphone or electronic device to school will have their phone/device subject to collection and/or storage during the student school day."* This policy follows Ohio House Bill 250, which requires the minimization of cell phone use in schools.

The lockbox system utilizes a simple, secure approach to store a phone. **Pre-K-8th grade students** will secure their phone in a personally assigned phone slot within the lockbox when they arrive at school.

Arrival procedure:

1. Each student will turn their phone off prior to entering the school building
2. Each student will be assigned a specific phone slot. (By lockbox case and specific number)
3. Each student will place their cellphone in their assigned phone slot.
4. Each assigned device will be placed in the lockbox and secured in the main office.

Dismissal:

1. Each student will be dismissed from school by groups.
2. When the specific group is called, there will be a school leader at each location to return cell phones to each student.
3. Each student will state their grade and specific number.
4. The school leader will hand the cell phone to the scholar.
5. The scholar will then leave the building.

School Groups:

- 1st: Yellow Bus Riders
- 2nd: Car/Daycare
- 3rd: Walkers/RTA

*Students arriving late or leaving early will check their phones in or retrieve them from the main office.

We believe that phones are of great utility. We have also found that learning and social behavior improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates. Removing distractions from the learning environment helps achieve notable progress in multiple areas:

- 65% of schools saw an improvement in academic performance
- 74% of schools saw an improvement in student behavior
- 83% of schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at 216-838-4450 or attend one of our upcoming meetings about the adoption of the cellphone lockbox system that will occur on our back-to-school Meet and Greet night on August 15th from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. In addition, we invite you to look at the attached FAQ document on how the lockbox system works.

If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child, please reach out to the main office at 216-838-4450. To best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in the adoption of the lockbox system at our school.

Thank you,

J. Tayler-Ivery

Miles Park Princip

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. If you need to contact your child during the school day, contact the main office at 216-838-4450.

What if there is a school emergency?

In case of a school emergency, we direct our students to safety first, following our school emergency preparedness protocol.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Yes, the lockbox will be secured in the main office

What if the Lockbox gets damaged or a student is caught on their phone?

The lockbox is the property of Miles Park School.

Miles Park will follow CMSD Student Code of Conduct

What if a student refuses to give school leadership their phone?

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If a student damages the lockbox?

This is considered a level 3 infraction, specifically 3K - Damaging or attempting to damage property, and is a suspend able offense. There also will be a \$35 fee to replace the lockbox.

Note: Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the lockbox has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by the school staff.

Are you responsible for replacing my child's lost/stolen cell phone?

We are not responsible for lost/stolen cellphones. This aligns with **CMSD's board policy** that states that *"Any student who chooses to bring a cellular phone or other electronic device to school shall do so at their and their family's own risk. The District and its employees will assume no responsibility or liability for loss, theft, damage or vandalism to a cellular phone or other electronic device brought onto school transportation or property, even during times the phone or device are subject to the collection or storage process of the District."*