



## **HARBY JUNIOR HIGH**

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July 22, 2019

Greetings Harby Junior High Parents and Students,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer break with family and friends. Our staff is excited to have all students back on campus! As our campus leadership team prepares for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, I wanted to make you aware of a specific change that will be implemented this year at Harby Junior High.

**NEW Cell Phone Use Policy – “Not seen. Not heard. Not taken.”**

The unauthorized use of cell phones or electronic devices will no longer be allowed at Harby Junior High. The use of cell phones and or electronic devices such as headphones, ear pods, smart watches, tablets, and game devices on campus cause instructional distractions and unnecessary safety issues. Examples include, but not limited to inappropriate social media use, texting or playing games during instructional time, cyberbullying, etc.

Students will only be able to use cell phones or electronic devices as an instructional tool during class time when the teacher has indicated that it is part of the instructional day. This is at the teacher's discretion and students will be informed by each individual teacher when they may use their electronic devices. Cell phones should remain off and not visible during school hours of 8:05 a.m. - 4:05 p.m. each day. Students will be able to turn their phones on at the 4:05 p.m. dismissal bell. This way, they are able to communicate with you regarding transportation or any other important information.

If an emergency arises or you need to communicate with your student during the instructional day, please contact our main office and we will work to get the message to them. The main phone number is 281-585-6626.

If a student violates this policy, the student's cell phone will be confiscated and held in the front office until a parent or guardian is able to pick it up. A fee of \$15.00 will be assessed for each violation. (per Alvin ISD Student Handbook).

Thank you in advance for your support and partnership as we begin the 2019-2020 school year. We are committed to ensure your child's safety each and every day and keep you informed of all matters. As with any new policy, the first few days of implementation for students are critical as we establish routines on campus. Please assist us by speaking with your student about the importance of adhering to this new policy.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer break. I can't wait to see all of you at Meet the Teacher on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30- 7:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Lawson,  
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