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Cellphone and Smart Device Policy

Cellphones are an important part of our modern lives, and have many advantages. In the school environment, however, most students cannot resist the temptations of social media, cheating, taking pictures with peers, and non-school use of cellphones. This extends to smart devices, like watches, that can receive texts, calls, pictures, and/or apps. Research has shown that having access to cellphones can be a major distraction to learning. The London School of Economics reported that schools that banned cellphone use earned significantly higher test scores and student academic accomplishments over schools that allowed cellphones.

For these reasons, Heritage Christian School requires that cellphones must be put away upon entering the building. Cellphones are not permitted to be used during the school day including lunch, recess, dismissal and extracurricular activities. If a student is seen with a cellphone out or in use, the student will be given a warning to put it away. If the student again has the cellphone out, the cellphone will be taken from the student. The cellphone will remain in school custody until the end of the following school day. If the phone is taken more than once, there may be additional consequences. Similarly, if a student is being distracted by a smart watch or other smart device, he or she will be given a warning and then asked to turn in the device. If the cellphone or smart device is needed prior to the end of the following school day, a parent can come to the school to pick up the device.

Please help us with this policy by not expecting your students to respond to texts or calls during the school day. If you need to get an urgent message to your child, please call the main office at 330-452-8271. Likewise, we will help your student call you if he or she needs to reach a parent. Outside of school, please remind your child that interactions between students are important. Bullying or inappropriate online or text behavior between students can have consequences at school. If you have any questions about these policies, feel free to contact the main office at 330-452-8271 or offices@hccanton.org. We thank you for helping us educate your child while ensuring a safe and rigorous learning environment.