



Cell Phone & Smart Watch Policy & Permission Contract

Principle: Technology is a gift from God and should be used for work and activities that glorify God and bear fruit for His kingdom. Yet, because of human sin, technology can be used to give expression to our sin. Therefore, we must be wise and discerning to ensure that we are using technology to assist us in our God glorifying work. Since Riverbend Academy is committed to building and maintaining a loving academic community that provides a uniquely classical approach to a distinctly Christian education, our tech policy is shaped by and seeks to fulfill this commitment.

If or when parents need to communicate with their children during school hours, it should be by calling the school office (386.615.0986). Once school starts at 8:00 a.m., parents should only seek to communicate with their child or children when there is a genuine emergency. This will prevent disruption to the learning process.

Student cell phones are allowed on campus before, during, and after school under the following conditions only:

1. **Cell phones are required to be OFF and out of sight (in a backpack or locker) in order to be allowed on campus. Smart watches may ONLY be used to tell time and may not be used for any other purpose except during designated lunch times** (high school only).
2. Each parent requesting their student to have a cell phone on campus must complete, sign, and submit a cell phone permission contract form (this document) to the school office requesting that their student be allowed to have a cell phone on campus.
3. Once a student is granted permission by the administration to have a cell phone on campus, the following rules will be strictly enforced. The student must read and verbally declare understanding of the contract to their parents before signing the cell phone contract.

K – 8: Students may not use their cell phones in class. **Student cell phones must be turned off and secured in their locker or backpack** during normal school hours and remain off during the aftercare program.

9 – 12: Students may not use their cell phones in class. **Student cell phones must be turned off and secured in their backpack or locker, from 8:00am to 3:00 pm, -- other than at lunch. However, phones are not permitted to be used by students during lunch on Wednesdays.** Students are being trusted with limited and responsible use of a cell phone; this privilege will be revoked if irresponsible use becomes evident. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the confiscation of the cell phone for that day. At day's end, the phone will be returned only to parents when requested in the office. For additional details, please see the parent/student handbook at www.RiverbendAcademy.org.

Permission for a student to bring a cell phone onto campus is at the discretion of the school administration, in conjunction with parents, and according to the rules cited above. Riverbend Academy will not assume any responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones.

I have read and agree to abide by the above policy regarding cell phones.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date	(Admin Only)
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