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Schnee Learning Center Students & Parents / Guardians,

At the start of the new 2021-2022 school year it was decided that all students will be required to keep cell phones and electronic devices in their lockers. In an early fall newsletter, the issues of social media and use of cell phones in school was discussed.

Here is a brief summary of what was in the newsletter:

The Schnee Learning Center will not allow cell phone usage during academic time or in academic classrooms during the school day. Each Schnee student is assigned a locker and given a school lock to provide a safe area for their personal belongings. We are requiring that all student cell phones and/or devices be locked into lockers during the academic day. Cell phones may be used during lunch or breaks in the cafeteria area only. The students can access their cell phones during this time to respond to texts or emails.

Unfortunately, we have a number of students that:

1. Are not willing to lock their electronic devices up upon arrival. We have to ask them (with reluctance) to lock them up every day.
2. Students who hide their phones and say they don't have it, but then go to the restroom to use their phone.
3. Students who lock up an old phone (or "dead" phone) and then keep their "active" phone in their possession.
4. After the lunch period where students can access their phones, they will not lock them back up without going through the same conflict.

When the vast majority of students do lock their phones up, but others don't follow this rule, it creates friction and the feeling of not being consistent in the enforcement of rules.

We are not going to physically remove phones from students. We are not going to "frisk" kids daily or go through book bags or purses.

We are simply saying that students who refuse to follow this rule will be sent home with unexcused absence time. Repeated violators will be asked to turn in their phone at the start of every day to school staff (and will be returned at the end of the day) for the remainder of the quarter.

We appreciate your help in this matter. Feel free to contact our director, Tony Pallija, if you have any questions. You may also discuss any concerns during our parent-teacher conference night on Thursday, October 21, 2021, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. (no appointment necessary).

-Schnee Learning Center staff

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