

## JT Moore Middle School Cell Phone Policy for the 2025-2026 School Year

### Purpose:

To create a focused and distraction-free learning environment while still allowing students to possess cell phones for safety and communication purposes outside of school hours.

### Policy Guidelines:

#### 1. Possession of Cell Phones:

- Students are allowed to possess cell phones while on campus.

#### 2. Phone Usage:

- All cell phones must be **turned off** upon arrival at school.
- Phones may be **turned on** only at dismissal when students leave the building.
- Cell phones are **not permitted** for use on school buses.

#### 3. Confiscation Policy:

- Any student found using their cell phone during school hours will have their phone **confiscated**.
- Confiscated phones will be securely stored in the office and can be picked up by a parent or guardian after school.

#### 4. Smart Watches:

- Students are not permitted to use smart watches for receiving texts or phone calls while at school.

#### 5. Communication with Parents:

- Parents are **requested not to** text or call their students on their cell phones or smart watches during school hours.
- For urgent communication, please contact the school office, and staff will ensure that your message reaches your student.

### Consequences for Policy Violations:

- Students who do not adhere to this policy will face disciplinary actions, which may include additional confiscation periods or further consequences as determined by school administration.

### Acknowledgment:

By attending JT Moore Middle School, students and parents agree to adhere to the cell phone policy as outlined above for a productive and respectful school environment.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Dr. Gary D. Hughes, Executive Principal