



HuckleBerry's Cell Phone Policy

Welcome to HuckleBerry! As educators and with many of our parents, HuckleBerry decided to embrace a technology-free campus in 2018.

We do not allow students, staff, parents or visitors to use cell phones or lap-tops while on campus.

We made this choice for several reasons;

- Students with cell phones tend to spend social time on their phones. We encourage students to use their time at HuckleBerry to make new friendships and nurture existing friendships by interacting with them, and not using a cell phone.
- Parental controls on cell phones change constantly, are difficult to understand, can easily be hacked, and many times do not live up to their promises.
- Content on the internet has become increasingly graphic, violent, and sexual.
- Studies show that younger and younger children are being exposed to child pornography. This can happen to children as young as six, with an average age of about 8. Many children under age 11 are being exposed.
- Several local schools have had to grapple with incidents of "sexting", children requesting, pressuring and sending explicit content to each other over cell phones.

We see the issue of removing cell phones from our campus as a child-safety issue.

We are asking our community to support our device-free campus in a few ways;

- Talk to your children and help them to understand why we have this policy.
- Parents and visitors need to adhere to this policy and be a role model for our students. Please do not use your cell phones or other devices while at HuckleBerry. It is hard for kids to follow this rule and challenging for us to enforce it. It will be even harder if they feel that the rule is hypocritical.

Please come to us if there is a problem that is unique to your home that needs to be solved. We are open-minded to creative problem-solving in all areas.

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