

Challenger 7 Elementary School

6135 Rena Avenue
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Challenger 7 Families,

With this letter, you are receiving a copy of the BPS Wireless Communication Devices (WCD) policy which is governed by School Board Policy 5136. **While the policy has not changed, it will be more fully enforced starting on Monday, February 27th.** Please review this policy with your child. <https://go.boarddocs.com/fl/brevco/Board.nsf/Public#>

Our goal is and has always been to maximize the learning time for our students and ensure a positive learning environment. Wireless communication devices have many positive uses. However, in the school setting they can be an enormous distraction to learning. Multiple research studies cite the negative effects of cell phone use on students, particularly the overuse of social media. We have found that cell phones not only distract students from learning, but also facilitate negative behavior such as:

- Accessing unapproved websites
- Taking photos or videos of students and staff without their permission
- Arranging meetings with friends in the restrooms during class time
- Cyberbullying

Student use of WCDs, including but not limited to cell phones and smartwatches will be strictly prohibited during school hours. We understand that many of our students walk or ride their bikes and cellphones are used for check in and security purposes. **Upon arrival, students may contact a parent/guardian to let them know they have arrived. Cell phones must then be turned off or placed on silent and stored in their backpack until the dismissal bell rings.**

Students who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary consequences including confiscation of devices and possible revocation of their cell phone/electronic device privileges on campus. The WCD agreement that was signed at registration can be accessed here: <https://www.brevardschools.org/cms/lib/FL02201431/Centricity/Domain/3231/3%20Cell%20Phone%20Contract%20English.pdf>

Thank you for your continued support as we work to reduce classroom distractions and provide our students with the best learning environment possible.

Sincerely,

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