

Greetings Sherwood Families,

It's the time of year for all of our families to **review and update** the “**Student/Parent Cell Phone or Wireless Communication Device (WCD) Contract**” for Sherwood Elementary School. **Please complete the attached contract if your student has a cell phone and/or any wireless communication device (smart watch) with the ability to make phone calls.**

Please remind students that cellphones are a **privilege** and each student is expected to follow BPS cellphone/WCD policies and Sherwood Elementary School's procedures. We recognize the use of cellphones/WCDs on school grounds must be appropriately regulated to **protect** students, staff, and the learning environment.

In alignment with po5136 and WCD contract, Sherwood's cell phone expectations are as follows:

- Cellphones/WCDs **MUST** be powered off and stored in a backpack while students are on school property.
- The use of a WCDs to engage in **non-education-related communications** is expressly **prohibited**. Technology including, but not limited to, WCDs, intended and actually used for instructional purposes (e.g., taking notes, recording classroom lectures, writing papers) will be permitted, **as approved by the classroom teacher or the principal**.
- Cellphones/WCDs may **ONLY** be used while students are riding the school bus at the discretion of the bus driver, teacher, attendant (IA) or school principal.
- Cellphones will **NOT** be utilized for instructional purposes at Sherwood Elementary School.
- Cellphones may **NOT** be used to record or take pictures of other students or staff members while on school property.
- During times of testing, teachers may request students remove their cellphone/WCD from their possession (backpack). Cellphones may be placed in a secure location to reduce the possibility of compromising test security.
- Students shall have **NO** expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of cellphones/WCDs on school property.
- Should a student be observed using a cellphone/WCD, or a cellphone/WCD rings during the school day, discipline action may include but is not limited to an office discipline referral and confiscation of the phone.
- Student abuse of the policy will result in the student losing the privilege to be able to carry a cellphone/WCD permanently, or for a period of time as determined by the principal.
- Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their WCDs.
- Parents/Legal guardians are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the school office.
- All parents are expected to review **School Board Policy 5136 -Wireless Communication Devices**. This policy is available for review on Sherwood Elementary School's website and may also be found on the BPS website at <https://go.boarddocs.com/fl/brevco/Board.nsf/Public#>

Thank you for your continued support and for working together to keep our students safe!

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