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Chickahominy Middle School **Cellular Phone, Video and Electronic Devices**

The Hanover County School Board has outlined under Category II, Section 10, in the Code of Student Conduct, found in the “Elementary and Secondary Parent-Student Handbooks”, the expectations regarding the use of cellular telephones and other electronic devices while on the way to and from school, while on school property or while at school sponsored activities.

Students are given access to the use of school telephones upon appropriate request and under staff supervision during the regular school hours and at after school activities and school sponsored events. In order to maintain a quality, safe, and distraction free learning environment, school administrators recommend that students do not bring personal communication or other electronic devices to school. However, should parents allow their students to bring such personal items to school, students must follow the specific rules and guidelines listed below.

- **Students may not use cellular phones, I-Pods, and other electronic devices during the regular school day. The regular school day begins when the student arrives at school and ends when he/she leave the grounds at 3:30 p.m. Electronic devices must be shut-off during official school extra-curricular activities so as not to disrupt the activity. Cellular phones, I-Pods, and other electronic devices may not be used while on the school bus or while traveling in a County vehicle, as they may cause dangerous distractions to the driver.**
- **Students are encouraged to store cellular phones in their “locked” lockers upon arrival to school and to retrieve them on their way out of the building. If students elect not to store the cell phones or other electronic devices according to the rules, then they will assume any and all responsibility for loss of the items.**
- **Cellular phones and other electronic devices should be shut off upon entry to the building to eliminate disruptions to the learning environment. These disruptions include, but are not limited to text messaging, playing video games, making or receiving phone calls during the school day, taking video-pictures of others, taking inappropriate video pictures of self or others, watching TV/video programs, or using the telephone for any inappropriate and/or illegal activities including all communications to others while taking tests or quizzes.**

During the school day parents are expected to contact their students through the school office telephone so as to limit disruption to the school classrooms, to allow for the appropriate supervision of the student while using the telephone, and to further promote an effective two-way communication between the school and the parent(s).

Disciplinary actions and consequences will be taken should the rules governing the use and/or possession of cell phones, I-Pods, and other electronic devices be violated. Cell phones, I-Pods, and any other “non-dangerous” electronic devices, will be confiscated and made available to the parent(s) of the student upon completion of the investigation. Any electronic device that is of a dangerous nature like tasers, stun-guns, and other shock devices that are classified as “weapons” will be transferred to the Sheriff’s Office as evidence in a violation of local, state or federal law.