

## B.F. TERRY HIGH SCHOOL

### 2022 - 2023 Cell Phone Policy

At Terry High School, our promise is to keep the focus on academics, promote social-emotional learning, and reduce unnecessary distractions, Terry High School enforces the following when pertaining to cellphones and other electronic device usages:

- Teachers will communicate clear expectations regarding usage and must be aligned to an instructional activity and approved by the principal.
- The use of cell phones to take pictures and/or videos in the classrooms will only be allowed under teacher supervision. Students who use electronic devices for other purposes or without permission will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct.
- Earbuds and other listening devices are only to be used in an Edgenuity class under the direction of the teacher or as permitted by the teacher in alignment with the learning activity
- Students bring personal electronic devices at their own risk, considering possible issues such as theft, misuse, and damage.
- If a student needs to make an emergency call during the day, they are to come to the front office.
- If a parent needs to communicate an urgent message with their student, they are to call the school, and the message will be sent to their child.
- Parent communication does not circumvent the Cell Phone Policy and will not excuse students from disciplinary action.

If a student is in violation of the policy, they will receive a teacher warning for the first offense. Should the student continue to violate the policy, the teacher will contact the parent and their cell phone, and the device will be confiscated and turned in to the campus administrator. The device may be picked up by a parent or guardian at the end of the instructional day upon payment of a \$15 fee. (per Lamar CISD Student Handbook)

*Lamar CISD believes that appropriate use of students' technology devices enhances our students' education. Students are encouraged to bring their own device to school. This includes, but is not limited to: cell phones, smart phones, iPods, iPads, electronic tablets, and laptop computers. Students may use devices in class at the teacher's discretion. Students must follow teacher, campus, and district rules.*

*Telecommunications devices that disrupt the education process, are used inappropriately or when not allowed by a teacher or staff member, or used in violation of the Student Code of Conduct may be temporarily confiscated. School personnel will collect the electronic device and turn it in to the principal's office. Parents, guardians, and/or a third party that retains legal right of ownership may obtain a release of the electronic device for a monetary fine of \$15.00. Creation of guidelines for implementation of the policy is the responsibility of the campus.*

*After a 30-day period has expired, the school shall dispose of the electronic device. A student who refuses to turn over his/her electronic device when asked by a school employee will have a disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, ranging from a minor offense to an expellable offense. (2022-2023 Secondary Handbook)*



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