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# NORTH METRO FLEX ACADEMY POLICY No. 5.4.8 STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for the use of cellphones by students to maintain a focused learning environment.

## II. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of North Metro Flex Academy to restrict cell phone usage during school hours to eliminate distractions and promote student engagement.

## III. REQUIREMENTS

# A. Turning Off Cell Phones

All students must turn off their cell phones before entering the building.

## **B. Storage and Security of Cellphones**

Teachers will collect cellphones at the beginning of each class and secure them in a locked location.

## C. Use of Cellphones During School Hours

Cellphones are not to be used at any time during school hours.

# D. Return of Cellphones

Teachers will return the cellphones to students at the end of instructional time to each student.

#### E. Consequences

A student will be given one warning to turn in their phone to their instructor. If the student does not comply, the phone will be confiscated, and will require a parent/guardian to come pick up the device. A parent/guardian will be notified should any device be confiscated.

#### IV. EXCEPTIONS

This policy does not apply to school-approved emergency communication devices or students with specific accommodations requiring cell phone access.

Legal References: Minnesota Statute 121A.73
Resources: Section 121A.73