



WATKINS MILL HIGH SCHOOL

Montgomery County Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Watkins Mill High School Students,

I am writing to inform you that Watkins Mill High School is piloting a program which affects your student(s) and the way cell phones are used at school.

Cell phones may be used prior to 7:25 and after 2:10, as well as during the STEP/lunch period. This is a change in previous policy. Cell phones may not be used at all during class or exchange of class, and accordingly, may be confiscated by staff. The phone will be secured by the teacher and given to the front office staff where it will be logged in. In order to get the phone back, your student will need to make an appointment to see me. Please understand that the appointment may not be immediate; students and parents must be prepared to wait to get the cell phone returned.

Also, the decision to allow cell phones during the STEP/lunch period may be revisited at a later date, since we are piloting this policy.

Please take a few minutes to talk to your student about this policy change, and the importance of having phones turned off during the school day, except during STEP. Please emphasize the consequences of violating the policy. It is our hope that this privilege will be welcomed and honored.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the main office at 301/840-5306.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Hobbs
Principal

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