



# LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

This year, for the first time, you were asked to digitally acknowledge receipt of Board of Education Policies and Procedures in the Parent Portal of Genesis. While I recognize that we hit a few bumps in the road during our first year of implementing this new procedure, I thank you for your cooperation.

Included on the *Policy/Rule Acknowledgement Form* was the Board of Education's protocol for **cell phone/communication device** use. Specifically, you acknowledged the following:

*Students may bring cell phones to school for use after school hours; however, cell phones must be turned off during the day and left in lockers or backpacks. Students are not allowed to carry cell phones on them during the hours of school operation (8:05-2:55 at Point Road and 8:07-3:05 at Markham Place). Any student abusing these rules will have their phone confiscated. Parents will be called to pick up the phone. Subsequent infractions will result in disciplinary consequence. Under no circumstances are students permitted to use their cell phones to take photographs in school.*

Inclusive of the term "communication device" is the use of i-watches. As you know, our buildings are equipped with Wi-Fi, affording students the capability to email and text during class. In rare cases, we have had students receive phone calls from their parents during the middle of classroom instruction.

Like cell phones, i-watches **are not permitted** during school hours. As noted above, any student abusing these rules will have their phone (and/or i-watch) confiscated. Parents will be called to pick up the device. Subsequent infractions will result in disciplinary consequence.

I've recently learned that students will often bring their devices into the bathroom so they can text or call their parents. It is very hard to enforce this rule without your support and cooperation. Should you need to reach your child during the school day, please call the main office of your child's school.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to preserve the integrity of the instructional periods.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Kossack  
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