

Lightning Families:

**It is our goal to ensure that every student has a safe, rigorous learning environment free from unnecessary disruptions that detract from instructional time. This year our administrative team noticed an increase in the amount of instructional time lost due to student violations of the Code of Student Conduct as it relates to electronic devices.**

**This communication is an effort to ensure that our students understand the rules regarding electronic device possession and usage. For the 2019-2020 school year, we will strictly enforce the Student Code of Conduct regarding cell phones and personal electronic devices (see below). Working in partnership with you, we can effectively reduce major disciplinary infractions, as well as disruptions to the learning environment, and improve student safety on campus.**

### **30. Electronics/Telecommunication Devices (ETD)**

*Students may possess cell phones and other personal electronic devices while on school grounds during regular school hours, however they must be turned off at all times unless utilized for an approved activity.*

**Any display or use of cell phones and/or personal electronic devices, including headphones and/or ear pods, without permission while the student is on campus will result in disciplinary consequences. The expectation is that once students arrive on campus at Varsity Lakes Middle, their cell phone, headphones, ear pods, and other electronic devices are turned off and stored. We ask that you please speak with your child about this policy and expectations for the upcoming school year at Varsity Lakes Middle.**

**We understand that there may be occasions when you need to contact your child during the school day. However, we ask that you please refrain from contacting your child via their cell phone. Rather, we ask that you call the school directly at (239)694-3464. Our front desk receptionist will take a message and immediately deliver the message to your child.**

**Your cooperation and partnership to create a safer and more secure learning environment free from disruptions and distractions at Varsity Lakes Middle for the 2019-2020 school year is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this policy, do not hesitate to contact us.**

## **CELL PHONE/HEADPHONE/EAR PODS/ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

### **EXPECTATIONS**

**Cell phones, headphones, ear pods, and other electronic devices are to be turned off and stored at all times while on the campus of VLMS. Cell phones, headphones, ear pods, and other electronic devices may not be used while on campus without permission from a teacher. Display, possession, or use of personal electronic devices without permission will result in the following consequences:**

1st Offense = Device is confiscated. The student will receive a BOLT card citation in Castle and the parent will be contacted. The student may pick up the device at the end of the school day.

2nd Offense = Device is confiscated. The student will receive a BOLT card citation in Castle and the parent will be contacted. The parent must pick up the device in the front office at the school.

Continued Offenses will result in progressive discipline consequences including but limited to after school detention, internal suspension and/or Saturday school.