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Bowman Cell Phone Policy

Bowman Middle School believes that technology can play a positive role in our student's education, improve critical thinking and help us prepare our students for success in the 21st century. We are allowing wireless internet access for approved personally owned electronic devices (iPod, net book, Smartphone, notebooks, iPads, E-readers, etc.) in our building for the 2014-2015 school year.

Cell phone calls and texting are still prohibited: however, students are welcome to use the front office phones from 7:45 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. or their teacher's classroom phones with permission. Parents are encouraged to call the front office to communicate with a student during the school day at (469) 752- 4802. Cell phones should remain off 7:45 A.M.- 3:30 P.M. unless being used for educational purposes under the supervision of a teacher.

Personal electronic devices may only be used for academic purposes during the school day with permission from the teacher. The use of tablets is approved for reading during school hours.

If a cell phone/electronic device is audible, causes a disruption in the learning environment, or is used in a manner deemed as inappropriate by a staff member, the following consequence can result:

- ❖ Teacher will take possession of the personal electronic device and take it to the front office where a parent can retrieve it.
- ✓ **1st offense**– The item is collected and a warning is given. The student may pick up the item after-school from the front office.
- ✓ **2nd offense**– The item is collected and the parent is required to pick up the item.
- ✓ **Any further violation may require a parent conference and could result in a loss of privileges for a determined length of time.**