CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

FTCHS understands that cell phones / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices are an important part of a person’s everyday life. However, cell phones / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices are not permitted in an FTCHS classroom because they serve as an educational distraction and can promote cheating. If a parent needs to contact a child during the instructional day, please call the front desk and we will get a message to your child. If your child has a need to contact a parent, a FTCHS telephone located at the front desk is available for use during lunches and at the end of the school day. We encourage students to take cell phones, as a safety precaution, on class trips. However, once students return to school their cell phones must immediately be placed back into their lockers until the end of the school day.

If a student is found to be in possession of a cell phone / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices during the school day, the following will result:

- **First Offense:** Student will receive detention, cell phones / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices will be confiscated and released only to parent/guardian, and student will lose all student privileges until notified by a school administrator. Upon return of the phone, the parent/guardian must sign a waiver stating that they acknowledge their rights upon a second cell phone violation.
- **Second Offense:** Student will receive a sixty-minute detention, cell phones / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices will be confiscated and released only to parent/guardian, and student will lose all student privileges until notified by a school administrator. Upon return of the phone, the parent/guardian must sign a waiver stating that they acknowledge their rights upon a third cell phone violation.
- **Third Offense:** student will be referred for expulsion.

Parents, since this type of offense carries a very heavy penalty, we are asking for your help to encourage your children to have their cell phones / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices turned off and in their lockers at all times during the school day. Thank you for your support.

Franklin Towne Charter High School will permit students to bring cell phones and other electronic devices to school PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE FOLLOWED:

- Students must keep all cell phones / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices in their lockers, turned off, from 8:20am until they are dismissed from school.
- Students are not permitted to use cell phones / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices, including text-messaging, at their lockers in between classes, failure to adhere to this policy may result in any penalty up to one day of In School Suspension.
- Detention, in-school suspension, and after-school tutoring are all considered classroom activities. Therefore, cell phones / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices must always remain in their lockers during these activities.
- At no time is a student permitted to have any electronic device in their possession during school day hours unless the device has been issued by the school. If a student cannot make it to their locker upon arriving to school, they must relinquish their cell phones / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices to a staff member to hold until the end of the day. If a student is dismissed early for any reason, they are still not permitted to be in possession of a cell phone / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled device unless they are in the front lobby of the school.
- FTCHS is not responsible for lost or stolen property that a student voluntarily brings to school including cell phones / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices.
• All headphones must be removed and placed in book-bags upon entering the building. All headphones must be stored in locker during the school day and must not be worn until student has exited building.
• Students are not permitted to bring e-book readers such as Kindles, Nooks, iPads, etc. to school.
• Students are not permitted to bring cameras to school.

Franklin Towne Charter High School reserves the right to use hand-held and stationary metal detectors for use during student searches. If either of these instruments determine that a student is in possession of a detectable item (including cell phones / wearable electronic Wi-Fi enabled devices), the student will be subject to a more extensive search by a same-sex school employee to the extent necessary to identify and secure the detected item. If an item of contraband is found during the search and the student does not relinquish the detected item, he/or she may be referred for expulsion.