



## **HVM Cell Phone Policy**

HVM discourages students from bringing cellphones to school. We recognize, however, that for some families, students carrying a phone is a necessity. HVM is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of student phones.

### **During school hours (including school field trips and recess):**

Once students enter the school building, they must place their phones, earbuds, and/or electronics directly into their bags. If a student doesn't follow this expectation, a staff person may ask the student to turn over their device for the remainder of the day. Upon conclusion of the school day, the student may retrieve the cell phone/electronic device. If the student continues to disregard policy expectations, further disciplinary action may be taken by the Dean of Students.

### **Cell Phone Confiscation:**

If a student has multiple violations of the school's cell phone policy, the Dean of Students will contact the student's parent/caregiver to ask them to come to the school to pick up the phone and attend a meeting with the student present. The phone will remain in possession of the Dean of Students until a parent is able to pick it up from the school.

### **Refusal:**

If a student refuses to give their phone to a staff person due to their violation of the school's cell phone policy, The Dean of Students will meet with the student to review school policy and to reset expectations for compliance with school rules. Consequences may be given, according to HVM's Code of Conduct.

### **Exceptions**

Teachers and/or Special Instructors can allow earbuds for Chromebook and other educational lessons. The earbuds should be placed back into the student's bag once the lesson concludes.

**\* The HVM Cell Phone Policy also applies to Apple/Smart watches and other electronic devices that use WiFi or an internet connection.**