



August 28, 2006

ASD TO ENFORCE STRICT GUIDELINES FOR USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Dear Allentown Parents and Guardians:

Effective September 5, 2006, Allentown School District will enforce more stringent guidelines on the use of cell phones in all of its schools.

- Cellular phones must be turned off upon entering any school building and remain off until students leave the school building.
- Cellular phones must be stored during school hours within students' assigned lockers or other areas designated by school administrators.
- Those in violation of this policy will have their cellular phones confiscated by the building administration. Phones will be returned to a parent or guardian at the end of the school year if proper identification and proof of ownership are provided.
- Cellular phones must remain off during a school evacuation or drill; any violation could lead to harsher consequences.

The Allentown School District staff will strictly enforce these guidelines. We will monitor the implementation of this policy monthly and inform the ASD Board of Directors should harsher penalties become necessary.

Parents are also asked to turn off their cell phones while in the building. School and district administrators who have a district issued cell phone for district emergency and communication needs are authorized to have a cell phone visible in the school.

We empathize with families trying to meet their scheduling needs, but we cannot allow technology to be used in such a detrimental manner in our schools. I seek your support and hope that you will talk with your children so they, too, know the importance of following this policy. Their safety is important to us. We all must be committed to having a quality learning environment for all of our students. My hope is that together we can prevent the disruptions of instructional time and increase safety for your children. Please help us make this a successful school year for everyone. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen S. Angello".

Karen S. Angello, Ph.D.
Superintendent