

Cell Phones/Personal Electronic Communication Devices

Maintaining an environment where students can focus on their academic success is important at Tamanend Middle School. We seek to minimize distractions that impact learning in the classroom and elsewhere in our building. With regard to cell phones and other personal electronic communication devices (PECD) which can be used as a powerful and positive learning tool, we encourage parents to partner with school in teaching students the difference between productive use and distraction by PECDs.

Central Buck School Board Policy 829: Personal Electronic Communication Devices notes that unless a **teacher determines otherwise**, PECDs must be turned off upon entering any instructional area. Tamanend follows the CB middle school practices regarding cell phones and PECD's. Note the following:

- Again, use of cell phones/PECDs during the school day is prohibited, unless a **teacher determines otherwise**.
- Tamanend is completely internet accessible to students using the District provided, protected wifi. Student use of personal 3G/4G mobile broadband connections to access resources/websites that are blocked by the district is prohibited.
- Appropriate use of cell phones/PECDs is the expectation.
- Parents/Guardians, please do not text or call your student during the school day. As always, parents can contact their child through the office. If a student is not feeling well he/she should not text or call parents directly, instead, students should report to the school nurse.

Please note the following consequences for unauthorized cell phone use during the school day:

- **First & Second Offenses – Teacher issued lunch detention and parent contact**
- **Third Offense – One-hour administrative detention and parent contact**
- **Fourth+ Offense – Two-hour administrative detention, parent contact, and 30 days Social Probation**

Cell Phones and other PECDs are wonderful technological devices that have many benefits for learning. We appreciate your support in helping our students to learn productive and positive uses for PECDs. Please discuss the expectations listed above with your students as well as your expectations for appropriate cell phone use. Thank you.