



GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Cell Phone Use in Classes and Shops/Labs

Dear Bonds Students and Parents/Guardians,

Recently we met with our business and industry partners to discuss what professional skills they would like for our students to possess when they complete our programs and enter the workforce. One item that was discussed was the use of cellphones or texting in the workplace.

These employers stated that a major problem they have with new employees was adapting to not being able to use their cell phone in the workplace. Everyone knows about the dangers of distractive driving or driving while using a cell phone or texting. When your child is in the shop or lab, similarly to driving, they should pay attention to their work. These employers as well as the administration and our teachers at Bonds Career Center realize the potential danger of cell phone usage and texts in the shop or lab environment.

Because of this danger and to prepare your child for the workforce upon completion of their program at Bonds, cellphone use and texting will not be allowed in the classrooms, shops or labs. Students will be allowed to use phones before and after class. Many classes take a break in the middle of class. If their class has a break then phone usage will be allowed. During class all cell phones should be turned off or on silent mode. The phones should also be out of sight. We are providing every student at Bonds with a locker and combination lock. Your child is encouraged to lock up their phone in their locker during class.

If a student has a cell phone out in class or the shop/lab without the teacher's permission, the teacher will ask the student to put the phone away. And points will be deducted from their weekly employability grade. If the student refuses, then it becomes disobedience and will be a discipline issue that will be dealt with by administration. If the student has the phone back out later in class then this will also be considered disobedience and will be a discipline issue that will be dealt with by administration. Teachers may allow cell phones to be used in class for educational purposes on some occasions. When their use is allowed a sign will be visible in the class or shop. If you need to contact you child during class we ask that you call our school at 864-355-8080. We will relay any message to your child. We ask you for your support in this policy to ensure the safety of your child and to prepare them for the workforce. We are asking all students and their parents/guardians to sign this letter to confirm that you and your child are aware of this policy. We ask that your child return this signed copy to their teacher. If you have any questions please contact our school.

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