



Desert Vista High School



Cell Phone Policy

2008-2009

In order to minimize distractions, academic dishonesty, and theft the cell phone usage policy has been modified for the 2008-2009 school year. Cell phone use is prohibited during class instruction (bell to bell) and passing periods. Use is interpreted as using any cell phone function or feature, not just the sending or receiving of calls. This includes the use in hallways, restrooms, offices or any other place on campus; students may **NOT** take a pass out of class to use their phones. Cell phones must be on silent or turned off and kept out of sight. Cell phone use is permitted during lunch.

Students who choose to use or have the cell phone in sight will be referred for insubordination and the following disciplinary action will occur:

- First offense: Cell phone will be confiscated by DVHS staff at the time of incident and turned over to the appropriate administrator; students may pick up the cell phone at the end of the day. Referral written at the time of incident. Parent contacted by teacher.
- Second offense: Cell phone will be confiscated by DVHS staff, and a parent will have to pick up the phone from the appropriate administrator at the end of the day. Referral written at the time of incident. One day In-School Suspension
- Third offense: Cell phone will be confiscated by DVHS staff, and a parent will have to pick up the phone from the appropriate administrator at the end of the day. Referral written at the time of incident. Three days of In-School suspension.
- Further offenses will result in further suspensions.

Any inappropriate use of cell phones, including but not limited to, inappropriate photographs, text messaging, and recording/video taping will result in confiscation of the phone; further consequences include possible police referral.

Students bring these devices to school at their own risk. Tempe Union High School District schools, Desert Vista, its faculty and staff are **NOT** responsible for any damaged, missing, or stolen cell phones. If a student has a cell phone and it is damaged or stolen, schools will not utilize administrative time to investigate the incident nor will the District take any financial responsibility for the cell phone or cell phone charges.