



MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE (CELL PHONE) REGULATIONS

1. Personal communication devices are defined as any mechanism designed to accommodate electronic or wireless communication (e.g., cell phones, pagers, Blackberries, Palm Pilots).
2. Use is defined as making any outgoing or receiving any incoming call, page, text message, image, movie, music, or e-mail. This includes incoming communications (ringing, vibrating, or silent) that are not answered.
3. All students must mark their cell phones with their name using the label provided by the school so that staff can easily identify them. The name must be clearly legible at all times. If the name wears off, it must be replaced with a new label.
4. Sunday through Thursday, PCDs may be used and must be turned according to the privileges allowed on individual student plans. Phone must be off when turned in for the night and alarms must not be set. Residential life staff will not accept the responsibility of charging student cell PCDs after they are turned in.
5. Residential life staff will store the PCDs during the school day.
6. All students must sign their PCDs in at morning roll call downstairs at the desk in the cafeteria. Alarms must be deactivated and phones turned off.
7. Students may pick up their PCDs after their last class (not before) at the Second Floor desk.
8. Lying about the possession of a PCD or turning in a "fake" device will result in denial of privileges for the remainder of the semester.
9. Students must not photograph individuals by means of camera phones without the person's permission in advance.
10. Students must refrain from the use of camera phones at school functions unless special permission has been granted in advance by the administration. Transmission of inappropriate images may result in disciplinary action.
11. On weekends or in the evening hours, PCD regulations apply.
12. PCDs are not allowed on the Brookhaven High School Campus, in MSA academic buildings, classrooms, computer lab, or the library.
13. PCDs must be silent or turned off during study hours, meetings, assemblies, or performances.
14. If a student violates PCD policies at Brookhaven High, parents/guardians must deal directly with the BHS administration. The MSA administration will not act on behalf of parents.
- 15. The Mississippi School of the Arts assumes no responsibility for damage to, or for loss or theft of personal communication devices. PCDs are brought to campus at your own risk.**
16. The Mississippi School of the Arts assumes no responsibility for unauthorized communications or charges made by means of PCDs.
17. If cell phones are broken, lost, or taken by the parent for disciplinary purposes, the parent must notify the Attendance Secretary in writing. Until notification is received, students will be in violation of policy. Parents must notify the Attendance secretary when the student returns to campus with a cell phone.
18. Exceptions will not be made for reasons of travel. Follow the rules and you may keep your phone.

By our signatures below, we certify that:

- We have reviewed and agree to the regulations regarding students using a PCD while enrolled at the Mississippi School of the Arts.
- We agree to abide by and obey these regulations set forth for the Mississippi School of the Arts as well as those imposed at Brookhaven High School.
- If my child does not currently possess a PCD, we will notify the MSA staff and follow registration procedures for that equipment at the time it is brought on campus.

Signature of the Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of the Student

Student's Cell Phone Number

Number will be verified by a MSA Staff Member:

Signature of Staff Member

Date