

## **Breakthrough Montessori Student Cell Phone Policy**

We recognize that cell phones have become a common tool for communication. However, they also pose serious concerns for our learning environment: cell phones can be a distraction from lessons, can serve as a vehicle for cyberbullying and other harmful behaviors, and can expose students to inappropriate content.

Students are allowed to carry cell phones to school, however they must be turned in to the front desk each morning. The front desk will place the cell phone in a Zip Lock bag with the student's name and store the student cell phones until the end of the day. Families should communicate to Breakthrough staff if their students will be bringing a cell phone to school.

If a staff member sees a student cell phone during the school day, the phone will be taken and will not be returned until a parent comes to the school to pick it up.

Unless the school indicates otherwise, this policy applies to both student time inside the school building as well as when on school sponsored trips outside of the building. It also applies to other devices such as smart watches that have Internet, text, and/or telephone capabilities.

Breakthrough is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen phones or electronic devices that students bring to school.

### Student Use of School Phones

There are school phones located in every classroom at Breakthrough and at the front desk. In order to use a school phone to make a call, the student must have explicit permission from an adult. To use the front desk phone to make a call, a student must be accompanied by an adult, or the front desk needs to have received a call or note from the adults in the classroom giving explicit permission for the student to make a phone call. Any student coming to the front desk alone must have a note or be preceded by a phone call, and be wearing a classroom hall pass.