## Updated SMS Cell Phone Policy

## SMS Parents/Guardians,

In an effort to combat rising numbers of cyberbullying and distractions in school related to social media, our SMS cell phone policy is changing. We at SMS want to provide to highest quality of education for our students in the safest and most welcoming environment possible. Please see below to read the district policy, which has not changed, and the SMS policy, which now matches the B. McDaniel policy. Please rest assured that you can still contact your child at any time; you'll simply need to call the front office and we can connect you with your child almost immediately. We have phones in every classroom and every office on campus.

Above all, we appreciate and want your input on your child's education. We know that you trust us to ensure each child has the opportunity to be successful and we can't thank you enough for partnering with us to do so!

It's great to be a yellow jacket! Rachael Fuller

## **Denison ISD & Scott Middle School Cell Phone Policy:**

Denison schools, Pre-Kindergarten-8, prohibit students from using cellular phone and/or other electronic devices during the school day or after-school tutoring activities without teacher permission. If a child chooses to carry a cell phone or other electronic device, the device must remain off and kept in the child's backpack/binder or other teacher approved location.

Parents should not call or send text messages to their children during the school day. If a student is found using a cell phone/electronic device (or if the device becomes audible) during school hours without permission from a staff member, it may be confiscated.

B. McDaniel Intermediate and Scott Middle School: If a phone is confiscated, a recovery fee of \$15 will be assessed, or the phone will be held by the campus administration for 30 days. The Disciplinary Code of Conduct may be implemented for repeat offenses.

Note: Students bring phones and any other electronic devices at their own risk. It is the responsibility of the student to secure his/her belongings. The district will not be held responsible if a phone or electronic device is lost, stolen, or misplaced.