

## **Redlands Christian School Student Cell Phone Policy**

We will not allow any students in Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade to bring a cell phone to school. There are two safety exceptions listed below in our Q & A section for which parents can request an exemption.

**Question:** How do I get a message to my student that is of an emergency nature?

**Answer:** As we have always done, parent emergencies are handled by our front office staff. Our front office personnel are there to serve you from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They can be reached at (909) 793-5172. Devon Turner's extension is 336, Sandi Wagner's extension is 314, and Shirley Byrna's extension is 300.

**Question:** What does RCS consider an emergency?

**Answer:** All situations where there are personal injury, illness, or a situations that are more severe that a student may need to know about in advance in order for that student to be properly ministered to.

**Question:** What would not be considered an emergency by RCS staff?

**Answer:** Late arrival, forgotten homework assignments, projects or supplies, forgotten lunches, a request to have a student go to after school supervision, etc.

**Question:** What happens to my student if I am late at 3:00 p.m. and now I have no way of notifying them and telling them that they need to check into after school supervision?

**Answer:** We have it covered. At 3:15 p.m., a bell rings reminding all students still on campus to check in for after school supervision. This is done automatically by our staff. No student will be allowed to go unsupervised. So if you are late, please do not worry, we have your student well taken care of.

**Question:** What if my child walks or bikes home and I need them to have a cell phone for safety reasons?

**Answer:** This is a situation for which you can get an exemption. You must fill out the paperwork in advance. Then your student must check in their cell phone at the "B" Building office when they arrive on campus in the morning and check it out when they leave.

**Question:** What if my child is involved in non-school sponsored activities that require them to call me when their activity is done?

**Answer:** This is the only other situation for which we will grant an exemption. Again, the parent must fill out the request in advance. The student must check in the phone at the "B" Building office upon arrival and check it out when they leave. Any school sponsored, after or before school activity will have published start and end times. There is no need for your student to call with these times.

**Question:** What happens if we forget?

**Answer:** If a child forgets to check in the phone they will get one warning (which will be recorded on the exemption form). On the second violation, the exemption privilege will be lost for the duration of that marking period.

**Question:** What happens if a student inadvertently brings their phone on campus?

**Answer:** The phone will be taken away and given to the "B" Building office and can only be retrieved by the parent. If it happens a second time, the phone will be held for the duration of the marking period.

**Question:** How many marking periods are there and how long are they?

**Answer:** There are four marking periods, each approximately 9 weeks or 45 school days in length.

We will expect full cooperation with this ruling. Our goal here is to create an excellent learning environment where our students can get the absolute benefit of a great education without concern for unneeded distraction.