

Statement of Interest

Summer 2019

As members of the ACSD community, we are concerned for the educational and social-emotional wellness of our students, and are aware that overuse and misuse of mobile devices can hinder academic progress and personal development. Research is accumulating on the negative effects of cell phones on kids’ mental and physical health, sleep, relationships, attention, and academic progress.

By adding our names to this list, we affirm our interest in having MUHS pursue an “Away for the Day” type policy, similar to that in effect at MUMS, that designates during-school hours as free from mobile phone use.

(Collected names and towns to be listed below)

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For reference, this is the current policy at MUMS:

Middlebury Union Middle School recognizes that cell phones have become an important communication tool for families. At the same time, we have a need to protect the sanctity of the classroom for instruction and learning and to ensure the well being of all students while at MUMS.

Therefore, we have established the following guidelines to govern student use of cell phones:

- Students are permitted to bring cell phones to school.
- Cell phones, along with all other electronic devices are expected to be turned off and kept in student lockers upon entrance into the building.
- Student use of cell phones is not permitted between arrival and 3:15 PM.
- Students are permitted to use cell phones only after dismissal.
- Calls to parents during the day must be made by using a school phone and only with the permission and supervision of a teacher or other appropriate staff member.
- Violation of these rules may result in confiscation of the cell phone.
- Cell phones will be sent to the office. Any confiscated cell phone must be picked up by a parent.