

To: Anna B. Day Community
From: A. B. Day Administrative & Climate Teams
Re: Cell Phone Policy
Date: 25 August 2025

Beginning on Thursday, August 28th, 2025, all 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will turn in their cell phones at a secure location on campus upon arrival. The phones will be kept in a supervised location for the duration of the school day, and returned to the students no sooner than 45 minutes prior to the end of the day. **The possession and/or use of cell phones by main schoolhouse students during the school day is strictly prohibited.** In the event of an emergency, parents must contact the front office.

The presence of cell phones in schools can result in violations of privacy, access to inappropriate digital content, and most importantly, interference with the students' academic performance and social/emotional learning.

This letter and the student assembly scheduled for Wednesday, 27 August 2025 will serve as the students' first warning. Students that violate A. B. Day's cell phone policy **will** face disciplinary action, including but not limited to detention (before school, after school, weekend), reflective essays, community service, loss of privileges, and parent-teacher conferences, among other measures.

If you have any questions, you can contact the climate manager, **Richard Robinson**, at **(215) 400-3520**, or via email at **rrobinson@philasd.org**.

Respectfully submitted,

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