



## **BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

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Dear Parents and Students of Harris Academy,

In order to preserve the academic integrity of our academic courses, we've decided to enact a new cell phone policy. As technology has advanced, apps have been created which allow students to bypass the learning experience in such a way that teachers are unable to discern whether work submitted was completed by the student without assistance. While this type of assistance can be a valuable tool at time, use of this type of technology on assessments hampers us from getting a true picture of a student's capabilities. As a result, teachers will be asking students to turn in their phones at the beginning of each class period. Once graded classwork for the period is completed and checked, teachers will allow students access to their phones. Students who do not turn in their phones, and are subsequently caught using their phones during graded work time, will be subject to disciplinary consequences. Most likely, these consequences will include turning the phone into the office.

It is not our intention to prevent you from contacting your child during the school day. If there is any type of emergency, please contact the office immediately, and we will ensure that your student has access to his/her phone. In most cases, students will be able to check their phones ever hour or so.

Like you, our goal is the academic success of your student. Grades, credits and diplomas are, by their very nature, indicators of student knowledge and capabilities. At this point, to protect the integrity of these academic measures and awards, we feel it is necessary to enact this policy. If you have any questions or concerns, I would be more than happy to speak with you. Thank you, as always, for your support in the success of your student here at Harris Academy.

Sincerely,



Lynn Lodwick  
Director, Harris Academy