

Palmyra Area High School
Cell Phone Use in the Emerging Technologies Classroom
Parental/Guardian Permission Form

Dear Parent of Guardian:

Your child is enrolled in *Emerging Technologies* for this semester, an exciting new course at Palmyra Area High School. In this course, students will develop various 21st century skills, and build digital literacy through mobile learning.

In this class, the teacher and students will use cell phones as instructional and learning tools. Students will create, publish, and share content using their mobile device. One assignment example is students will upload reflections of different learning opportunities by sending emails to a digital drop box located at the website: <http://drop.io>. Students will then be able to see each other's reflections by visiting the drop box. Students will be taught proper online etiquette to ensure safety and accountability prior to completing assignments that require digital communications.

Using this device brings certain positive and negative dynamics into the classroom. Digital phones allow us to interact using content and communication. There will be specific guidelines students must adhere to so the mobile device is a tool to enhance engagement and learning, and not a distraction to it. Students will sign a classroom contract stating that they understand the guidelines and agree to follow the guidelines in this course.

Students will only be allowed to use their phones in the classroom if they have parental or guardian permission, and agree to adhere to these guidelines. Know that students will take pictures, text, and send emails to a class drop box online where students can share their work with other students in the class and myself. However, at no time should this course add charges to your family's cell phone charges. Students will work in groups if they do not have unlimited texting. However, this is not mandatory. I will always try to offer students the ability to add their content, communication, and creative works using computer web connection. At no time will students be deducted points because they could not use a cell phone in an assignment.

This class is also serving as a pilot for other teachers to use mobile devices in the classroom as 21st century instructional and learning tools. Additionally, it is very important students learn the responsible, ethical, and safe way to use cell phones in our very connected world. This will also be part of the *Emerging Technologies* curriculum.

Please read the guideline below that will be implemented and enforced in the *Emerging Technologies* classroom to manage the use of cell phones by students for learning. If you agree to the guidelines and your child's use of his or her cell phone in this course, please sign the permission slip below. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your convenience.

Cell Phone Guidelines in Emerging Technologies Course

1. Students will follow instructions given by teacher in assignments and projects using cell phones according to the course assignment or project's purpose and task.
2. Students will not use their cell phones in this class for personal communication (i.e. calling or texting parents, family or friends; visiting web sites not listed in assignment).
3. Students will not go on any inappropriate sites that they can access on their cell phones.
4. Students may not record, videotape, or take pictures of the teacher or other students in the class, during class.
5. Students will respect each other's property.
6. If a student is defiant and refuses to follow the guidelines or teacher's directions and expectations for cell phone use in the course, the student will not be allowed to use his/her cell phone in the class until after a scheduled meeting with student, teacher, and parent/guardian.

✂ Clip along perforated line and return to school; keep this letter for reference.

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I, _____, the parent or guardian of
_____ hereby authorize my
student to use his/her cell phone in the *Emerging Technologies* course at Palmyra
Area High School (PAHS). I acknowledge that the PAHS, the Palmyra Area School
District, its faculty or staff are not responsible for the damage, loss, or theft of any
cell phone, which the student brings to or possesses at school.

Date: ____/____/____

Student Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Cell Phone Number: _____