**Palmyra Area High School**

**Cell Phone Use in the *Emerging Technologies* Classroom  
Parental/Guardian Permission Form**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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

In this course, the teacher and students will use cell phones as instructional and learning tools. Students will create, publish, and share content using their mobile device. Students will also be taught proper online etiquette to ensure safety, security, and accountability prior to completing assignments that require digital communications.

Using this device brings certain positive and negative dynamics into the classroom. 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 or disruption. Students will sign a classroom contract stating that they understand the guidelines and agree to follow these specific guidelines in this course. Students will need to register their cell phone with the PAHS Information Technology Department to gain access to the wireless connection specifically set up for this lab. This will be done in the first week of school.

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 that I will set up and monitor, where students can share their work with other students in the class and the teacher. 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 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, or choose not to use a cell phone in any 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 guidelines 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. I will also need to know specifics about the student’s cell phone plan, so I can monitor and direct students to alternative options so charges will not be added to your phone bill. Please complete the attached form to provide that information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your convenience. Thank you.

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**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 may not record, videotape, or take pictures of the teacher or other students in the class, during class.
4. Students will not go to any inappropriate sites that they can access on their cell phones.
5. Students will respect each other’s property.
6. Students realize that this cellphone privilege is for this course only and will not try to use cell phones in another course in the school unless directed by the teacher.
7. 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 a future class or classes. Second cell phone defiance in this course will result in no cell phone use during 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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**Cell Phone Use in Emerging Technologies Course Permission Form & Student Contract**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the parent or guardian of   
  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent’s Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_