

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The students in my classroom are in the process of beginning a project that will help them connect the curriculum to the real world. I have enclosed a copy of the project for you to review. Thanks to our administration, we now have the ability to enhance your child's education by implementing the use of cellular technology in the classroom. Cell phones are one of most powerful communication devices on the globe. They provide students with a vast, diverse, and unique set of resources. The District's goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Your authorization is needed before your child may use this resource.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. You and your child should read the enclosed *Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)* and discuss it together. For your convenience, I have highlighted the section regarding the use of cellular technology (cell phones). Inappropriate material use may result in the loss of the privilege to use this resource. Remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions. Ultimately, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow. To that end, the School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize your child to use cellular technology in the classroom. Before signing the authorization plan, please review your cellular agreement with your carrier. The district is not responsible for any costs that your child incurs while participating in this project or while at school.

Please read and discuss the *Acceptable Use Policy* with your child. If you agree to allow your child to use the cell phone for this project, please sign the *Authorization* form and return it to your school.

Sincerely,

Your Name Here

Authorization to Participate

(Required :)

I have read this *Acceptable Use Policy*. I understand that my child will be allowed to use his or her cell phone in class to participate in a classroom assignment, and that access is designed for educational purposes. I understand that the instructor will communicate the goals and objectives of the project to my child and the rest of the class. The instructor will also supervise the use of technology in the classroom during the project. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District and the instructor to assume responsibility for my child's actions. I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or Board members, for any harm or expenses incurred by inappropriate use. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the terms of this *Authorization* with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed to utilize his or her cell phone for the specific educational purposes outline by the teacher for the classroom project.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____