

AL-IKHLAS TRAINING ACADEMY

Cell Phone Policy for Students

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As-Salaamu-'Alaikum

Dear Parents and Students:

This is a reminder of the school's policy regarding cell phones and watches with phone or internet service. The policy of ATA is that the following devices are banned for students during school hours and therefore should not be brought into the school building. Unfortunately, of late, it has been brought to my attention that there are students that are constantly in violation of this policy. As we know, policies are established for a reason and with cell phones the reason is very clear. Phones in the classroom are an unnecessary distraction, first and foremost. However, aside from being a distraction, students are using phones to cheat on tests, to communicate with other classmates and persons outside of the school building through texting and sometimes calling. Also, they are videoing and recording, taking pictures, listening to music, watching videos, playing games, and the list goes on. Therefore, ATA along with many schools throughout the United States and outside of the US have banned cell phones from the premises and especially in the classrooms.

If any student is caught with either of the above mentioned communicative devices, they will be confiscated and passed on to the Director. **Phones will not be given back to the students in violation.** *If a student refuses to relinquish the phone to the teacher or principal, then they will be expelled for the remainder of the school year.* Otherwise, the following applies:

- **1st offence:** Phone will be confiscated and given to parent only. Student will be suspended for 5 days.
- **2nd offence:** Phone will be confiscated and given to parent at the end of the school year. Student will be suspended for 7 days and put on probationary status, which warrants expulsion for any other policy violation or infraction.

Students claiming special circumstances (ie. student with expecting wife, or leaving school to go directly to work, etc.) will have to be approved by the Director and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

If there are any questions, please feel free to discuss this with me at the office.

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Respectfully Yours,

Nadir S. Ahmad
Nadir S. Ahmad, **Director**

cc: Administrators and teachers

