



# Paca Middle School



## General Music Pilot Program Student Cell(Smart)Phone Agreement

A pilot program for the implementation of cell (smart) phones has been approved for use in General Music 6 and 7 for the 2014-15 school year. This program will allow for the use of cellphones with the appropriate applications in my classroom for educational purposes. The Pilot Program is for my classroom only. The purpose for the implementation of this pilot program is to recognize the value of these tools in an educational environment and allow the flexibility to make use of student cellphones for educational work in my classroom. I will determine when and how cellphones will be used in my classes to enhance your child’s learning experience. Cell phones can be a great supplement and resource to classroom music while developing your child’s 21st century skills.

By signing this agreement you allow your child to use their cellphone as an educational tool during general music class **only** and are agreeing to abide by the following requirements. Any violation of this agreement may result in the suspension of the Cellphone Pilot Program.

1. The sole purpose for the use of a cell phone during classroom music is for educational reasons.
2. The cell phone is only to be used during the instructional class period with express permission from Mr. Ober during specific times within lessons.  
This means the cellphone will be permitted for some instructional activities, but not for all.
3. Students must comply with all William Floyd School District policies and procedures regarding the appropriate use of technology.
4. As stated above, this is a pilot program that offers an exemption from the cellphone policy for William Paca Middle School. When in the building, students are expected to have their cellphones off and in a location not visible to a member of the William Paca staff.
5. This agreement is for students who currently bring a cellphone into the building. All cell phones that are brought into William Paca are used at their own risk.
6. Students will use their cell phones independently and not “share” with other students  
Students who do not have their own cellphones will be supplied with another electronic device (ie: laptop, desktop computer)
7. Students will access only apps that have been downloaded to their cellphone prior to use.
8. Tablets such as Apple iPads or Samsung Galaxies will not be permitted in this pilot program.

**My child and I have reviewed and consent to the cellphone information and policies above  
Sign below for agreeing to participate in the Cell(smart)Phone Pilot Program:**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

No, I do not want my child to participate in the Cell(smart)Phone Pilot Program. Sign \_\_\_\_\_



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## Information regarding the Classroom Music Pilot Cell(Smart)Phone Program:

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Technology has become an essential part of our everyday lives. To be able to live, learn and work successfully in the 21st century, students must be able to utilize technology effectively. Technology today is not only the use of desktop computers or laptops, but personal devices such as cell(smart)phones and tablets which offer numerous educational opportunities for students in the classroom. Students in General Music 6 and 7 will have the unique opportunity during the 2014-15 school year to participate in a pilot program allowing the use of cell(smart)phones in classroom lessons. My hope is that this Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative will enhance the general music classroom learning environment while preparing your child with the 21st century skills necessary for life outside the classroom.

Please download the following starter apps after you have signed the cellphone agreement

\*These apps are free and can be downloaded on the Apple App Store or Google Play\*

(The authorized cellphone apps used in class will have a minimal effect on data usage.)

1. Class Dojo
2. Poll Everywhere
3. Quizlet
4. QR Reader
5. Dropbox

\*Please Note\* Students are never required to bring in cellphones to school. If your child does not have a cell phone, he/she will be able to use other technologies to be a part of the classroom instructional process.

I look forward to working with your child as we explore and learn about music with the expanded opportunities offered in the Cell(smart)Phone Pilot Program.

Musically,

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