

Smart Phones for School

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We live in a technology rich age. Most of our students in high school have smart phones; as we all know they believe they can't get through a day without them.

I have designed my courses such that most of the information the students will need in class is available to them online. I will also be using Edmodo for course management. Edmodo is a web based application I can use to share and receive information and documents with my students.

Students can always use their laptop and school internet access to complete their course requirements.

BUT

They will have the *option* to access the information on their smart phone outside of school. There are many instances where a student will have the option to take care of course responsibilities (watching videos or completing forms) using their smart device. Many students, but not all, have unlimited data usage.

This purpose of this letter is to make clear that student use of a smart device for course work is entirely optional. It is the responsibility of the student and their parent or guardian to be sure they do not exceed their allowable data use. Any costs incurred are not the responsibility of Gary Strickland or Coleman ISD.

Our students lead busy lives. I want them to have options for completing their course work. Again, they may use their laptops for assigned work and use of a smart device outside of school is entirely optional.

Thank you for your support,

Gary Strickland

Signature of parent or guardian

Date