

## **Franklin Towne Cell Phone / Wearable Electronic Devices Policy**

All Cell Phone / Wearable Electronic Wifi enabled devices serve as an educational distraction and can promote cheating, as a result they are not permitted to be worn at Franklin Towne Charter High School.

Franklin Towne Charter High School will permit students to bring Cell Phone / Wearable Electronic Devices to school.

### **PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE FOLLOWED:**

- Students must keep any Cell Phone / Wearable Electronic Wifi enabled devices, in their locker turned off, from 7:50 am until they are dismissed from school.
- Students are not permitted to use Cell Phone / Wearable Electronic Wifi enabled devices, including text-messaging, at their lockers in between classes, failure to adhere to this policy may result in any penalty up to one day of In School Suspension.
- Detention, attendance recovery, and after-school tutoring are all considered classroom activities. Therefore, Cell Phone / Wearable Electronic Wifi enabled devices must remain in their lockers at all times during these activities.
- At no time is a student permitted to have any Cell Phone / Wearable Electronic Wifi enabled devices in their possession during school day hours. If a student cannot make it to their locker upon arriving to school, they must relinquish their wearable electronic devices to a staff member to hold until the end of the day.
- FTCHS is not responsible for lost or stolen property that a student voluntarily brings to school including wearable electronic devices.

Franklin Towne Charter High School reserves the right to use hand-held and stationary metal detectors for use during student searches. If either of these instruments determine that a student is in possession of a detectable item (including cell phones), the student will be subject to a more extensive search by a same-sex school employee to the extent necessary to identify and secure the detected item. If an item of contraband is found during the search and the student does not relinquish the detected item, he/or she may be referred for expulsion.

## FRANKLIN TOWNE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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Joseph Michael Venditti, Esquire

Chief Executive Officer

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have updated our policy on the use of electronic devices to reflect the advances in “smart phone technology”. We feel it is important that parents, guardians, and students are clear about the Franklin Towne policy for any Cell Phone / Wearable Electronic Wifi enabled devices.

**Franklin Towne has a no cell phone policy within the classrooms; this now extends to a policy of “no apple or other smart watches or wearable wifi enabled devices in the classrooms”.**

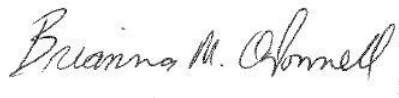
This is a policy in place to stop distractions, disruptions, loss, theft, accidental damage, inappropriate social media usage, and cyber bullying during the school day.

If a student is in violation of this policy, the following will result as a consequence.

First offense: Student will receive a detention, the phone / wearable Electronic Wifi enabled devices will be confiscated and released only to a parent, and the student will lose all student privileges until notified otherwise by an administrator. Upon return of the device, the parent or guardian must sign a waiver stating that they acknowledge their rights upon a second violation.

Second offense: Student will be referred for expulsion.

Sincerely,



Brianna M. O'Donnell – Dean of Students, Franklin Towne Charter High School

