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“There is no magic to Achievement. It is about hard work, choices, and persistence.” - Michelle Obama

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Basie Cell Phone Policy

Greetings Parents,

Catherine and Count Basie Magnet School for Multimedia and Performing Arts prohibits the use of students using their cell phone and other wireless communication devices during the school hours meaning from the first bell to the dismissal bell. As an institution of learning, cell phone use is a top distraction in school and classrooms and often leads to student’s misuse of the devices. The misuse of devices has a negative effect on student behavior and ability to learn. At Catherine and Count Basie Magnet School for Multimedia and Performing Arts our Cell Phone policy is as follows: cell phones will be collected in AM homeroom by the homeroom teacher and placed in a secure bin and locked up until PM homeroom. As co-located building, having students cell phone securely locked up with an adult, reduces the chances of cell phones being lost, stolen, broken, and inappropriate use of the cell phone during learning in the classroom. The school is not responsible for cell phones that are not turned into the teacher.

If a student decides to disregard the school policy and hold to their cell after phones are collected, the phone will be confiscated and held for a parent to pick up the cell phone. Thank you in advance for support the school policy.

Best Regards,
Basie Administration