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## ***Draper Middle School***

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you know, students in their adolescent years can push their boundaries and are often looking for consistency from the adults in their lives. We are asking for your help, by supporting school in conversations at home, with the following two issues: *Cell phones* (and other electronic devices) and *appropriate school attire*.

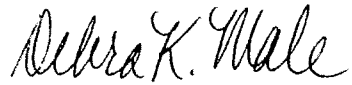
We would like to reiterate the current guidelines for Draper Middle School students:

- No student cell phones should be **visible** at any time during the hours of 7:38 am -2:10 pm. Students may use the cell phones in the hallways after 2:10 p.m. but not in Detention or Sports Study Hall.
- If the cell phone goes off in class (including texting) or it is **visible**, the phone will be taken and kept in a secure location in the main office. For the first offense, students may pick it up at the end of the school day. For the second and subsequent offenses, parents must pick up the phone in the office. Please support school by refraining from contacting your child on his/her cell phone during school hours. We encourage parents to call the main office if you need to get a message to your student. Please understand that the main office staff has been instructed to treat parent phone calls as a priority, when getting messages to students. Be assured if there were to be any type of emergency, the office staff has been instructed to get your student out of class to receive such an urgent parent phone call. Also, there is a telephone available in the main office for student use.
- Appropriate student attire: We have been talking to students about the appropriateness of their attire as the weather gets warmer. We ask that students select clothing to wear to school that is not revealing or distracting. Of particular concern in the spring are, for ladies, very short skirts or shorts. For gentlemen, we ask that pants are belted, or sit at least at the hip, not below. While there are plenty of outfits in the stores that are appropriate for fun, parties or the beach, please support us here at school by allowing your child to learn in an appropriate school environment. The school dress guidelines are posted on the Draper Middle School webpage, and students have been given a copy of our "Dress for Success" pamphlet. If you have specific questions, please call us at school at 356-8350.

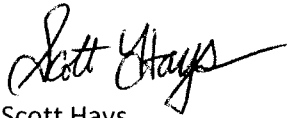
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As always, our goal is to see that each student successfully reaches their true potential while here at Draper Middle School. Thank you for partnering with us in order to effect a positive learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

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Debra Male  
Principal

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Scott Hays  
Assistant Principal