

## **Cell/Phone Device Policy**

The decision to bring an electronic communication device (including but not limited to cell phones, iPods, iPhones, smart watches, etc..) is a decision between the students and their parents/guardians. However, students and parents should be aware that students may only operate these devices in the school building after receiving permission from his/her learning center supervisor. Any student operating an electronic device without permission will have that item confiscated by our Administrator or teaching staff and will have it returned at the end of the day. Should a student be found repeatedly in violation of this policy, the device will be confiscated and must be picked up by the parent/guardian.

\* River Valley assumes no liability for the damage, destruction, theft or loss of such devices on school property.

\* Also please note that parents needing to communicate with their students during the school day should call River Valleys landline (315-493-0187). Do not relay information through your student to our staff by text messaging your student. For example, *“My mom texted me and I am not going to ride the bus now. She is picking me up or I am riding home with someone else.”* Please contact the school directly to pass on pertinent information.

## **Weapons Policy**

River Valley Mennonite School prohibits the possession of weapons on school property, including in the parking lot or on any school bus. Any student found in possession of a weapon will be expelled immediately. Length of expulsion will be determined by the River Valley School Board with input from our staff on a case-by-case basis. Please see the definition below for clarification on what is considered a weapon.

**Weapon -** (including look-alike and ammunition): A firearm, including BB gun, pellet gun, pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle, disguised gun, knife, dagger, switchblade knife, pepper spray, or any other device, instrument, material or substance that is used for, or capable of, causing death or bodily injury. This also pertains to an item or instrument that the school staff or a school board member considers dangerous or inappropriate to have in school.