



YOR Cell Phone Policy
Updated as of November 20, 2019

1. We encourage parents who feel that their son must have use of a phone to allow their son access to a “family cell phone”. This family phone may only be a “kosher phone” as detailed below. If a “family phone” is not feasible, Yeshiva policy is that students may only own a “kosher phone” that does not have the ability to access the internet or download video. As explained in our summer camp letter:
“Any Kosher phone purchased in EZ Cell in New Square has been approved by the Hanhala for camp. It will also be compatible with the Mesivta Phone Policy for this coming year. Please request one of the phones approved by the Hanhala (they have a list on file).”
From this point on, these are the only phones a *talmid* of the Yeshiva may own, with the exception of those listed in paragraph 2, which require special permission. Those of you who bought the phones for the summer are already in compliance. Those of you who did not, should please arrange to be in compliance before the end of the *Succos* break.
2. Once a *talmid* has a driver’s license, if the parents feel that they would like them to have a phone with Waze, a phone can be procured through the Yeshiva that is issued by Safe Telecom. Permission must be obtained from the Menahel prior to the Yeshiva issuing the phone. **No other phone will be acceptable.** Those who already have “Safe Telecom” phones will be able to hook them to the Yeshiva program. Please speak to Rabbi Medetsky or Rabbi Vilinsky about how to do this. Even if a *talmid* has a phone that has been filtered and checked by other companies, he will not be in compliance with the Yeshiva policy.
3. A *talmid* that comes to Yeshiva to play ball on *Motzai Shabbos* or during vacation time may bring a Yeshiva compliant phone to Yeshiva. Any non-compliant phone brought onto the Yeshiva campus, even during off hours or vacation time, will be confiscated and the student that brought it in will be suspended until further notice. The phone will not be returned to the *talmid* until he leaves the Yeshiva, as will be the case with anything else confiscated from a *bochur* that is deemed dangerous to the growth of a *ben Torah* and *yarei shamayim*.
4. *Talmidim* may bring a device to Yeshiva that plays music that does not have the ability to access the internet or play/download video.
 - a. Non-Jewish or other forms of non-acceptable music are prohibited.
 - b. Any object (mp3, gaming device, computer, etc.) brought to the Yeshiva with internet access, video capability, or inappropriate content will be subject to the same rules outlined above for non-Kosher cell phones.
5. *Talmidim* may not have any type of cell phone on the Yeshiva Campus during Yeshiva hours.
 - a. If a *talmid* is found with a cell phone on the Yeshiva Campus during Yeshiva hours, the phone will be confiscated, and the *talmid* will be sent home until further notice.
 - b. The Hanhala will determine the length of the suspension based on all pertinent factors involved.
 - c. *Talmidim* may not bring a phone to Yeshiva during Yeshiva time in order to have it after class time, without making prior arrangements with the Menahel.
6. *Talmidim* of the Yeshiva may not have an account on any social media platform, nor should they be a part of any group chats. Any *talmid* found to be on a chat, or to have a social media account will be suspended until further notice.

7. The Yeshiva strongly advises parents to have their sons' cell phones charge overnight in the parents' room. Unfortunately, we find many *talmidim* come in very tired in the morning because they were texting late, or were awakened at night by a text or call sent by a friend, which led to a longer interaction. Even if you trust your son to go to sleep right away, you have no control over someone else contacting him. There is no need for him to sleep with a phone next to his bed.

8. The Yeshiva will continue to monitor advances in technology and update these policies as needed.

I have read and reviewed these rules with my son:

Father signature: _____ Date: _____

Mother signature: _____ Date: _____

Talmid signature: _____ Date: _____