Cell Phone Classroom Contract

Over the past year, I have noticed that students (and adults alike) have a very difficult time ignoring their cell phones. Some schools and performers have begun having students and adults "check their phones" upon entering school and concerts. I would like to begin doing the same in my class. Students cannot be fully engaged in their learning be it during direct instruction, small group or laboratory work with the added distraction of their phone buzzing in their pocket or purse.

Cell phone use is prohibited without permission according to our school policy. By signing this contract, student and parent(s)/guardian's acknowledge the following rules. Sign and return the bottom portion to your teacher. (This policy will be enforced, regardless of whether you sign the contract or not.)

- Upon entering the classroom, the student is required to place his/her cell phone into the "phone holder." The phone will stay safe and secure in the holder until all classroom activities have been completed.

- Cell phones will only be used at times and for purposes directed by the teacher.

- Should the student be caught violating the rules above and/or engaging in activities that are obviously inappropriate for cell phone use in the classroom, the following will occur:

  1st offense - The student will be issued a warning and will be asked to put their cell phone into the “phone holder”

  2nd offense - Teacher takes the phone for the class period and issues a teacher detention to be served within 1 day. Failure to serve the detention will result in an office referral.

  3rd offense and beyond - The student will receive an office referral.

  - Refusal to give up the phone will automatically result in the 3rd offense.

  - Additionally, the teacher reserves the right to ban any student from cell phone usage in class at any time should the cell phone misuse be overwhelmingly inappropriate.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let me know the best way to reach you and I will gladly speak with you about this policy.
Please fill out this portion and return it to your teacher

I have reviewed the above information and agree to follow the rules for cell phone usage for AP Environmental Science. I understand that if I fail to follow the above rules, I will receive the consequences listed above and/or be banned from using my cell phone at all.

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(Student’s printed name)  (Student’s Signature)

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(Parent’s signature)  (Date)