



Cell Phone Use

1.A School Administration
1.A Students

Administrative Procedure 1.A.15

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It is the intent of this policy to assist in managing the use of personal electronic communication devices, such as cellular phones, in the school to prevent interference with teaching and learning experiences. This policy applies to the formal school day, including school-sponsored events, e.g., intramurals, extracurricular activities, and field trips.

All personal electronic communication devices must be kept out of sight and turned off (silent) during school programs/ presentations and in the classroom, except when used with the prior permission of the teacher/ school. Classroom teachers may design storage solutions for student cellular phones during class time.

In many courses and classrooms, there will be learning opportunities that incorporate the use of personal devices - teachers will invite students to use their devices for educational purposes when it is appropriate to do so. Unauthorized use of these devices disrupts the instructional program and distracts from the learning environment.

The use of electronic communication devices to invade personal privacy or contribute to behaviour that is injurious to another will be addressed through the divisional Code of Conduct. Students who use electronic communication devices to access, upload, download or distribute material that the school has determined objectionable will be subject to the provisions of the divisional Code of Conduct.

School officials, including classroom teachers, may temporarily confiscate electronic communications devices from students if they are used for unauthorized purposes or at unauthorized times.