

The use of cell phones during class time is off limits in all schools

Beginning in the fall of 2024, the Ministry of Education requires school divisions to develop administrative procedures that limit the use of personal electronic devices in schools.

## What does this mean?

In high schools, personal electronic devices, including cell phones, will be out of sight and on silent during instructional time. Use of personal electronic devices is prohibited in areas requiring privacy such as washrooms and changing rooms.

## Why are we doing this?

Research shows that a distraction-free environment dramatically enhances the learning, mental health, and social development of students. It is a directive from the government that all schools in the province will have similar policies in place.

## Are there exceptions?

Exceptions may be granted for students who require personal devices for medical reasons or have other documented accommodations. The use of devices may be permitted for specific instructional or assessment purposes under the direction of the teacher.

## What if I need to contact my child during the school day?

If you need to leave a message for your child, please call the school office (306-659-7900) and they can pass the message on to your child.

We encourage you to review these rules and discuss them at home. Your support is vital in helping us create the best possible learning environment for all students.

GSCS Personal Electronic Device Use Policy

