

Grade 8/9 Cellphone Policy

General Statement of Policy

There is a growing body of evidence that the presence of cellphones in schools is negatively impacting student's learning. As such, students in grade 8 and 9 are not permitted to have their cellphones in classrooms, during class time, unless specified within a Student-Learning Plan, an Individualized Education Plan, or for medical needs. Accommodations can also be made for students who require a device as an ELL support, with administrator approval. Cellphones are to remain in student lockers that can be accessed during breaks and lunch period.

Enforcement Procedure

The following process will be enforced, should a student fail to abide by the above policy:

Initial offense-

Classroom teacher has student immediately return cellphone to their locker and return to class.



Further offense-

Classroom teacher has student deliver cellphone to a school administrator or have school administrator come to classroom directly. Student will need to meet with administrator prior to the return of the device and the administrator will follow up with parents/guardians to inform them of the issue and ensure they are aware of the policy and results of further offenses.



Further offense-

Classroom teacher will have student deliver cellphone to school administrator or have school administrator come to classroom directly. A parent/guardian will be contacted to arrange for return of device. A meeting will be scheduled between administration, the student, and the parent/guardian, during which a plan will be developed to prevent further breaches of policy. The school's discipline policy, as outlined in the school handbook, may be enforced should the infractions continue.