



Personal Mobile Device Policy
Ecole St. John XXIII Elementary/Junior High School
2026-2027

Purpose:

In alignment with the new *Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools* Ministerial order #014/2024, established by the Alberta government, we are implementing the following guidelines at our school. To ensure a safe and distraction-free learning environment for all students, the following cell phone policy has been established.

Policy:

Cell Phone and Mobile Device Usage:

Students are not permitted to use cell phones, tablets, watches, AI glasses, etc. on school property. Including before school begins and during any class, recess, lunch period, or activity. Cell phones/watches must be turned off or on silent **and** stored out of sight (inside backpacks for Elementary students and inside lockers for Junior High students) until students are off school property at the end of the day.

Emergency Situations:

If a student needs to contact a parent or guardian during school hours, they must request permission to use the office or classroom phone.

Consequences of Violating the Policy:

First Offense:

The cell phone will be confiscated and sent to the office.

The student may retrieve the phone from the office at the end of the school day.

Second Offense:

The cell phone will be confiscated and sent to the office.

The phone must be picked up by a parent or guardian at the end of the school day.

Third Offense:

The cell phone will be confiscated and sent to the office. The student will receive a one-day out-of-school suspension.

Important Notes:

Parents and guardians need to remind their children of this policy to help prevent disruptions to their learning.

The school is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones.

By following this policy, we can work together to maintain a focused and productive learning environment for all students.

The Ministerial Order can be found here: [Ministerial Order #014/2024](#)

We are committed to educating and working with students and families as we explore topics related to technology and social media. We hope to work collaboratively with families as you continue to monitor and discuss social media use at home.