



Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary School Staff Handbook

CELL PHONES

All available information can be found in this document. If you have any questions, see one of the school administrators.

Details

We recognize the influence technology is having on our community and school. Due to the potential for the disruption of learning, the possible invasion of privacy, and the potential for cheating, cell phone use in the school is restricted as follows:

- a) cell phones need to be turned off and be out of site or placed in a designated secure area during classroom instruction and during scheduled school activities (e. g. assemblies, presentations, demonstrations, performance, provincial exams).
- b) Cell phone use is restricted to during breaks, and both before and after school. In case of emergencies, parents can contact the main office to get information to their child during scheduled class time and school events.

Teachers have the authority to ask a student who violates these conditions for the phone. Recognizing the phone is the property of the student, the teacher will hold the item in a safe location until it can be returned to the student. Typically they are returned at the end of a period.

In situations where a student repeatedly violates the cell phone use conditions, the teacher may turn the item over to an administrator. This would be viewed as non-compliance with reasonable expectations and the administrator may deem it necessary to remove the student's privilege of having the phone at school.

Theft of small items such as cell phones and MP3 players is a concern at Mount Boucherie. Since the school is not liable for the loss of these items, and detecting theft of such a small item is difficult, students are encouraged to keep their items in locked storage or in their possession. They should not be left unattended in an unsecured location for any length of time.