

Whole School Positive Behaviour Support Plan

Policy and Procedures

Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones and Electronic Device Policy

For the purpose of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening devices, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds. The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed purposes. This policy aims to remove potential learning distractions, protect the privacy of staff and students, improve social connections at school and improve the health and wellbeing of students.

Esperance Senior High School acknowledges the need for some students to have a mobile phone for travel to and from school. Under this policy students are allowed to have their phone in their possession, but must turn it off and keep it out of sight from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the school day. The term 'Off and Away All Day' will be used.

Esperance Senior High School, School Board and the Esperance Senior High School P&C Association support and accept the following;

- Mobile phones and electronic devices must be turned off and not seen from the time a student arrives on school grounds to the conclusion of the school day.
- Electronic devices can only be used as directed by a staff member.
- If mobile phones are on or are being used without permission they will be confiscated from the student for the rest of the school day.
- Students failing to follow the teachers' instruction to hand over the phone will be in violation of the School's Code of Conduct and will be required to discuss this action with Student Services.
- Students who break the school's Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Policy on three occasions may require a parent or guardian to negotiate the return of the device through Student Services or a Deputy Principal.
- Repeat infractions may invoke the loss of good standing for 20 weeks and possible suspension.
- Students found involved in recording, distributing or uploading images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises risk being suspended immediately.
- If a student needs to access their phone during recess or lunch they should seek approval from a Deputy or the Student Services Coordinator first.
- Students who bring mobile phones to school do so at their own risks. It is strongly suggested that students do not bring valuables such as these to school.

Exemptions to the policy will be considered for those children who use their device to monitor health conditions, should the parent request it. Such requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis and should be directed to a Deputy Principal or the Student Services Coordinator.

Please note:

Confiscated mobile phones will be held in a locked area by the Front Office staff. Mobile phones can be collected from the Front Office staff at the end of the day.