



## BSS CELL-PHONE USE POLICY

### NO CELL AFTER THE BELL

In response to the Ministry of Education's announcement about electronic devices, BSS has established a "No Cell After the Bell" practice which we request parents and students respectfully follow. Concerns related to depression, disengagement (educational and social), empty affirmations, and the very real circumstance of cyberbullying has prompted this shift. **Students may still bring their devices to school and can access their personal technology at appropriate times and if students have specific learning/health needs as outlined in their IEPs, or medical documentation.**

- All BSS classrooms and learning spaces will be designated **CELL-PHONE FREE ZONES** during instructional time.
- Cell phones ARE allowed before or after school, on lunch break, and during transition time between classes.
- When classes are in session, cellphones should remain out of sight off in silent mode.
- The district and school are not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen electronic devices such as cellphones.
- This policy does not preclude the use of cellphones under teacher supervision due to "special circumstance" such as for the production of project/inquiry work when no other suitable technology is available. Teacher permission will always be required in such circumstances.
- For incoming and outgoing communication that require an immediate response, such as emergencies, please use the school office for communication.

### PROGRESSIVE STEPS:

Note that ALL adults in our school (regardless of the position they hold here) are tasked with maintaining our learning environment. Should an adult make a reasonable request to a student regarding cellphones, ex: "Please put away your cell phone", then failure to comply will result in a progressive discipline process that follows district policy:

- **FIRST TIME:** Student is asked to put the phone away. Staff to record incident.
- **SECOND TIME:** Student is asked to put the phone away; parent contact is initiated.
- **THIRD TIME:** Student is referred to the office; Administration will work with the student and family. Replacement activities and behaviours will be developed.
- **FOURTH TIME:** Parent and student have meeting with administration to create a **PERSONAL ELECTRONICS PLAN**



*AWAY FOR THE DAY*

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INSTRUCTIONAL TIME**

**THIS INCLUDES ALL LEARNING SPACES**

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CLASS CHANGE TIMES ONLY**