



ERIC GRAVES MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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EGMJH Cell Phone Policy

While we recognize the value of cell phones, we are very much aware of their downfalls. Cell phones and other related devices are a source of distraction and can contribute to feelings of anxiety. They have also been used to bully and negatively impact students' overall feelings of well-being.

What does this mean for students at our school?

- Students may carry a cell phone to and from school if necessary.
- During class time cell phones must be turned off and stored in lockers. If a student does not feel that their locker is a safe place, we can securely store their phone in the main office.
- Wireless Ear Buds are not permitted.
- Students are permitted to use cell phones during lunch.
- Pictures and videos are not permitted to be taken at school.
- Cell phones are NEVER permitted to be out in bathrooms and/or changing facilities at school or on school sanctioned events.
- Parents and Guardians will need to call the office at: (902) 435-8325 to pass along important messages.
- Students who require a cell phone to monitor a diagnosed medical condition will be permitted to use their phone for this purpose.
- The Code of Conduct will apply to students who do not follow cell phone expectations.

What happens if a student does not follow these expectations?

- The first time a student is found using their device when not permitted, they will be asked to take the phone to the office, where it will remain for the day. Students will receive a cell phone ticket; at the end of their day, they will exchange their ticket in the office for their phone. Parent/guardian will be notified.
- The second time a student is found using their device when not permitted, they will be referred to the office and the device will be held until a parent or guardian meets with the Principal/Designate to retrieve the device.
- Continued misuse of their cell phone or personal mobile device on school property or during school sanctioned events will result in the application of the Provincial Code of Conduct (including loss of privileges and up to suspension from school).