

# NEW REVISED School Cell Phone & Electronic Device Ban Policy 2025-2026

## 1. Policy Statement

In accordance with the Ministry of Education's directives, the use of cell phones and electronic devices in school and school grounds is strictly prohibited during the school day.

**This includes cellphones, game consoles, headphones, earbuds, and smart watches.**

The use of cellphones and electronic devices are prohibited from the **moment students enter the school building** and to the **moment they leave the building during the school day**. **This ban extends to the school grounds during school hours.**

This policy aims to foster a focused, distraction-free learning environment, ensuring student engagement in academics and school activities.

## 2. Scope of the Ban

The restriction applies to all areas within school property, including:

- Classrooms
- Locker Bay
- Hallways
- Cafeteria
- Plaza
- Bathrooms
- Gymnasium
- Outdoor spaces within school grounds including the Hurteau and PM Favier terraces, and the school field (during the indicated times).

Cell phones must remain **on silent and stored away** in lockers during school hours.

## 3. Consequences for Violations

Any student **caught using, holding, or displaying** an electronic device during prohibited hours will face **immediate suspension** as per this policy (students will be sent home for the day). Additional actions may be taken depending on the severity of the violation.

## 4. Exceptions

This policy does not apply to:

- **Medical necessity**, with prior approval from the administration.

## 5. Enforcement & Compliance

Teachers and staff are responsible for enforcing this policy consistently. Parents and guardians are encouraged to support this initiative by reminding students of the importance of a phone-free learning environment as per the Minister of Education's directives.