



ÉCOLE CHAMPS VALLÉE SCHOOL

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Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices

To support students' academic, social and emotional well-being, ECVS follows a policy to restrict student access to cell phones during all teaching and learning time. **Cell phones and personal listening devices, such as AirPods, are not permitted on school property, including the gym, at any time during the school day.** All students are aware that their devices may be confiscated until the end of the day or until a parent/guardian picks them up.

Students who bring cell phones or other personal electronic devices to school are expected to keep them turned off and stored out of sight. School staff are not responsible for lost or stolen devices.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are not permitted to use cell phones, personal listening devices, or gaming devices at any time during the school day, including at lunch or recess. Elementary students who bring cell phones to school must ensure they are on silent and secured in a closed backpack or locker during the school day. If students are found to be using a device during the day, the device will be confiscated and kept until the end of the day. Parents will be contacted by the teacher. If it continues to be a persistent problem (three or more times), students may be asked to no longer bring the device to school or check it in with the teacher.

Students in Grades 7 to 9 may choose to use cell phones/personal listening devices during the **first part** of lunch (11:23-11:55) when outside. However, we strongly encourage students to participate in activities that do not include phones (e.g. intramurals, outdoor activity, visiting with friends). Cell phones must be turned off and secured in a closed backpack or locker during instructional time and breaks between classes.

1. First/Second offense: Teacher takes device away; device is taken to office; student picks up from office at end of the day. Parents will be notified by the teacher.
2. Third offense: Device is kept in the office (locked in the safe) until a parent/guardian is able to pick it up. Student will be asked to no longer bring their device to school.

If you need to reach your child during the school day, please call the school office and our administrative staff will direct them to the school phone.

Note - The use of any electronic device in the classroom is **at the discretion of the classroom teacher** and students will be required to comply with all teacher instructions in this regard.

We are confident that restricting the use of cell phones/listening devices during classroom time will help. During our upcoming Wellness classes and Mental Health Days, we will continue to explore topics such as digital citizenship, online safety, and social media use.

Thank you for your support,
Faculty of École Champs Vallée School

