

# Herbert School

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Dear Families and Staff:

As you may be aware, on August 6, 2024, the [Ministry of Education announced](#) that they will require Saskatchewan school divisions to develop administrative procedures that ban the use of personal electronic devices during instructional time in Kindergarten to Grade 12, beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

Chinook School Division recognizes the value of educational technology towards improving student learning. In this context, smartphones/personal electronic devices have the potential to be a powerful complement to the learning environment when aligned with responsible use and digital citizenship.

However, a growing body of research points to problematic side effects related to distraction, loss of focus and potential addiction to smartphones. Reflecting Chinook School Division learning priorities of supporting student learning and mental health and well being, the new [Administrative Procedure 139 - Use of Smartphones](#) contends that the presence of smartphones in classrooms during instruction will only be permitted for grades 9 to 12 when supported by a classroom management plan and approved by the principal. Smartphones/personal electronic devices shall not be used during instructional time for prekindergarten to grade 8 students.

Parents/caregivers will be able to contact the school office to communicate messages to their children as per previous practice. School supplied technology will continue to be acceptable for the purposes of student learning and support.

For prekindergarten to grade 8 students, school administration may also limit smartphones/personal electronic devices usage outside of instructional time including recess and the noon hour. Students in grades 9 to 12 will be permitted to use smartphones/personal electronic devices during breaks and during the lunch hour, and must adhere to all guidelines during these times.

Please read through [AP 139 - Use of Smartphones](#) for more details on the division procedure and review our school specific expectations and discipline process below. We value our Chinook families and your cooperation and support of these guidelines is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact school administration.

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# Herbert School's Cell Phone Policy 2024-25

September 2024



## Herbert School Mission

*Herbert School facilitates the learning and growth of all students, fostering their individuality and promoting effective citizenship.*

## Herbert School Vision

*Herbert School is a community where students and staff feel safe and valued - demonstrating respect, responsibility, and pride - while developing an appreciation for lifelong learning.*

## Purpose & Rationale

At Herbert School, we believe it is our responsibility to provide a learning environment that is productive and manageable. As technology advances, we are tasked with educating our students about their responsibilities to use that technology in an appropriate manner, while still utilizing its advantages for education and learning. As such, Herbert School adopts the following cell phone policy.

- Cell phones are to be stored in lockers or designated classroom storage (pockets) only.
- Cell phones are not permitted anywhere in the school (including hallways, gym, library, common areas, etc.) during instructional class time. This includes the SaskDLC work space.
- Cell phones are allowed during recess and breaks, including before and after school, provided they are used in accordance with the *Responsible Use of Technology Agreement*.
- **Cell phones are NOT ALLOWED in the washrooms or change rooms at any time.**
- During breaks, cell phone cameras and videos should be used with caution and only with the permission of parties involved.

If a student is found in violation of the cell phone policy, their phone will be confiscated to the main office for the remainder of the school day.

*NOTE: We recognize there are times when you need to contact your child during the school day. Please feel free to call the school at (306) 784 - 2454 to connect with your child. Students may also use the office phone to call parents when needed.*