

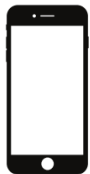
BELLEISLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Cell Phone Policy



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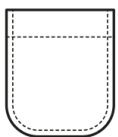
Communication devices may be permitted in class for instructional purposes as directed by classroom teachers. Communication devices will not be allowed in restrooms.



If students choose to bring a communication device to school, they will place their device (s) in the designated area in each classroom as they enter the classroom.



Permission must be obtained prior to photographing or video recording on school premises.



Cell phone storage will be available to students in each class.



The school staff are not responsible for the loss or damage to any student's phone or electronic device.



Each teacher will complete class with enough time for students to retrieve their communication device(s) before the bell.



If students need to place an emergency phone call in the office during class, permission from the classroom teacher is required.



If a student needs to leave the room, the communication device(s) will remain in the classroom in the designated area.



If parents/guardians need to contact their child in case of an emergency, they should call the school's main office.

If a student refuses to comply with the cell phone/communication device procedures, an administrator will be notified, and consequences will follow as written on the Belleisle Regional High School website.

Cell Phones Away: FAQ

What is the Policy?

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Why these boundaries?

A 2018 study found a casual link between test scores and the use of cell phones. The study suggested that students were wrong to believe that they could multitask effectively.

A study completed in 2013 identified cell phone use in class as the primary disruption to meaningful learning.

Evidence from a variety of studies implicate smartphone and social media use in the increase in mental health concerns.

Where will I put my phone?

If you choose to bring you device to your classroom, you will place it in a designated area when you enter the classroom.

What if someone tries to reach me?

Home can reach you by calling the school at 506-485-3030, or you can check your phone during breaks, at lunch or after school.

Additional Reading:

[Weighing the Costs and Benefits of Cellphones in Schools | Harvard Graduate School of Education](#)

[Cell Phones, Student Rights, and School Safety: F... – Canadian Journal of Educational Administration and Policy / Revue canadienne en administration et politique de l'éducation – Érudit \(erudit.org\)](#)

Reach out to Ms. McFadden or Ms. Mawer with any questions or concerns.