

# Guidelines for Student Cell Phone Use



On August 15, 2024, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister, Nello Altomare, informed all Manitoba School Divisions to review and revise their administrative procedures to include clear guidelines for cell phone use in Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools.

We believe that ISD students have the right to learn in environments with limited distractions and where the potentially harmful impacts of cell phones and other personal devices are minimized.

In alignment with provincial guidelines and our responsibility for fostering safe, caring, respectful and inclusive schools, ISD will be implementing consistent expectations for student use of cell phones and other personal devices across all schools:

Kindergarten to Grade 8:

1. Students are not permitted to use cell phones or other personal devices during school hours, including breaks and lunch.
2. Students requiring a cell phone or other personal device during school hours for specific educational or medical needs, outlined in a Student-Specific Plan, will be granted access by the school Principal as necessary.

Grade 9 to Grade 12:

1. Students are not permitted to use cell phones or other personal devices during class time.
2. Students are permitted to use cell phones or other personal devices during break times and lunch.
3. Students requiring a cell phone or other personal devices during school hours for specific educational or medical needs, outlined in a Student-Specific Plan, will be granted access by the school Principal as necessary.

Please contact your child's school for further information on expectations for cell phone use in their school as the new school year begins.