

Cellphone Policy 2024-2025

Notice to all Logan Lake Elementary-Secondary School Students, Parents and Guardians;

The Province of British Columbia has implemented a new policy statement related to the use of personal digital devices (cell phones) in schools in our province. This policy came into effect on April 12th, 2024, and is focused on restricting the use of personal digital devices during school hours. This restriction reduces distractions in classrooms and supports focused learning environments, fosters online safety, and promotes provincial consistency.

Logan Lake Elementary-Secondary School will continue to follow our “Stop Light System” that was implemented last year. The stop light system included 3 zones: red, yellow, and green. The 3 zones are as follows:

Red Zone = no cellphone use permitted

Yellow Zone = cellphones used for educational purposes and supports (research, listening to music).

Green Zone = cellphones are permitted for a brain break.

This year, classrooms will be exclusively in the red zone unless teachers permit students to use it for educational purposes. Students are encouraged to leave their cell phones at home. However, if they choose to bring them to school, they are expected to leave them in their lockers, in their school bag, or on the teacher’s desk during INSTRUCTIONAL TIME. If a student is leaving the classroom for any purpose, whether working in an alternate space or using the restroom, they must leave their phone in their bag (left in the classroom) or hand it in to the teacher. Students are not permitted to have cell phones in their possession while they are in the hallways, or using washroom facilities during instructional time. By using our stop light system, it will restrict the use of personal digital devices during INSTRUCTIONAL TIME. Positively, it encourages the use of personal digital devices for instructional purposes and digital literacy; use of personal digital devices that is appropriate to a student’s age and developmental stage; provides accessibility and accommodation needs, medical and health needs, and equity to support learning outcomes.

Students will never be required to have a cell phone/personal digital device to complete assignments in class, as we provide access to desktop computers and Chromebooks as needed.

Logan Lake Elementary-Secondary School will follow consistent disciplinary actions if a student chooses to go against the Administrative Procedure 350: Student Code of Conduct and Administrative Policy 145 Use of Personal Electronic Devices. Our progressive disciplinary actions will be as follows:

First: Student will be asked to place their cell phone on the teacher's desk for the remainder of the block. The classroom teacher will make a record of this.

Second: Student will be asked to place their cell phone on the teacher's desk for the remainder of the block and the teacher will contact home to the parents/guardians. The classroom teacher will make a record of this.

Third: Student will be asked to give their cell phone to the teacher who will turn it into the office for the remainder of the school day. Administration will contact a parent/guardian who will be required to pick up their child's device. The student will be referred to Administration to discuss their recurrence of breaching the policy and to create a plan to prevent the unacceptable use of their cell phone during INSTRUCTIONAL TIME. The administration will enter this into the Conduct Profile of the student.

Fourth: The student will be immediately sent to Administration to receive a suspension for multiple breaches of the policies. Upon return to their classroom, a plan will be in place to ensure the student's success in following the policies and procedures. (ex. the student will be expected to turn their phone in to their teacher at the start of the class or at the office at the start of each day)

Failure to comply with requests from any staff member to hand over a cell phone will be considered DEFIANCE under AP 350: Student Code of Conduct and will result in an immediate office referral for disciplinary actions. If any of our staff members witnesses a student using their cell phone in the halls during INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, the device will be immediately confiscated and turned into the office to Administration.

It is important to note that the Province of BC, School District #73, and Logan Lake Elementary-Secondary School all want to promote a more effective classroom environment to support student learning. Our Policies regarding the use of cell phones are intended for INSTRUCTIONAL TIME and not for before school, class change break, long break, lunch break, or after school. We continue to encourage parents/guardians to contact the school at **250-523-9441** if they need to connect with their child during instructional time.

Thank you for your cooperation in making Logan Lake Elementary-Secondary an even better learning environment.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/legislation-policy/legislation/schoollaw/personal_digital_devices_support_guide.pdf