

Nordale School Cell Phone Policy

In alignment with the provincial ministerial directive dated August 15, 2024:

- **Kindergarten to Grade 8 students** are not permitted to use cell phones during school hours, including breaks and lunch periods.
- Exceptions may be made for students with documented medical or diverse learning needs.

At Nordale School, the following rules apply:

- **Cell phone use by students is not permitted** during the school day.
- **Cell phones must be kept in backpacks, lockers, or left at home.**

Consequences for violating the cell phone policy are as follows:

- **1st Offense:** The student will be asked to put the phone away.
- **2nd Offense:** The student will relinquish their phone to the teacher, and it will be returned at the end of the school day.
- **3rd Offense:** The student will relinquish their phone to the office, and a parent or guardian will need to retrieve it.
- **If a student demonstrates they are having difficulty following the Nordale Cell Phone Policy, they will work collaboratively with their teacher, administration and /or caregiver to set goals and make a plan to successfully follow the expectations.**

Additional Guidelines:

- **Cell phone use is strictly prohibited** during lockdowns.
- **No cell phone use is allowed** in changing rooms or washrooms at any time.
- Students may carry cell phones while traveling to practical arts or other offsite activities **for emergency use only**.
- The **school office staff will assist with communication** between parents/guardians and students by delivering messages or allowing students to use the office phone to contact parents/guardians.
- All students and staff must adhere to **Policy IJNDC – Internet and Information Systems Use**, including seeking consent before photographing or recording others.
- **Nordale School and the School Division are not responsible** for any loss, damage, or theft of cell phones, nor for any communication costs associated with their use, whether authorized or unauthorized. Students and families are responsible for locating lost or stolen devices.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions!