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Common Cell Phone Practices at J.H. Bruns Collegiate

In compliance with LRSD Policy GBEF/JICJ: Use of Cell Phones in Schools, J.H. Bruns Collegiate will:

- Comply with the ministerial directive dated August 15, 2024, aimed at reducing classroom distractions and minimizing the harmful effects of social media and online platforms.
- Align with the principles outlined in Policy JK – Supporting Student Behaviour.
- Provide guidance regarding student cell phone use, including:
 - When cell phone use is allowed and the conditions that apply.
 - Where and how students will store cell phones when use is not allowed.
 - How staff will address cell phone use during the school day.
- Provide direction regarding staff use of cell phones during class time and scheduled supervision.
- Include provisions stating that:
 - School office staff will facilitate communication between students and their parents/guardians during emergencies.
 - Students and staff must follow all terms of Policy IJNDC – Internet and Information Systems Use: Staff and Students and seek consent before photographing or recording others' voices or images.

J.H. Bruns Common Practices:

- JHB is a bring-your-own-device (BYOD) school, with laptops being the primary source of technology used in the classroom. Cell phones may be used as a learning or teaching tool in exceptional circumstances, such as for translation or adaptations, or in medically dependent situations. Cell phone use is at the discretion of the team working with the student (teacher, educational support staff, student services, vice-principal/principal). Cell phones should never be a distraction to individual students or staff at any time.
- Photos or videotaping are prohibited at all times unless permission has been granted beforehand. Students must adhere to LRSD's Internet and Systems Acceptable Use Agreement at all times, even when using personal devices (laptops or cell phones) at school.
- Cell phone use in bathrooms and changing rooms is prohibited.
- Cell phone use during lockdowns is prohibited.

When a student struggles with cell phone use during class time, the following steps may be taken:

- The teacher will review the expectations and policy regarding cell phone use during class with the student or class. Teachers and support staff may also use other strategies to help students meet this expectation (e.g., instead of keeping the phone in a backpack nearby, the backpack may need to be placed at the back of the room).
- If the issue persists, the teacher will contact the caregiver, and when necessary, a vice-principal/principal. After communication with the student, caregiver, and vice-principal/principal (when necessary), the agreed-upon steps will be communicated to all involved (the teacher, the student's support team, and parents/guardians.)
- The goal of these practices is to establish a routine of not using cell phones during class, as it distracts from the learning environment. While this may be easy for some, it can be challenging for others. We will continue to use various strategies to support students and staff in meeting the expectations set by the Minister of Education.