



Hillcrest Christian School Cell Phone Policy

2024

Purpose

In keeping with its mission and Alberta legislation, Hillcrest Christian School and the Hillcrest Christian School Society is committed to:

1. Restrictions on Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media:

- a. Your phone should be powered off and stored in your locker
- b. No cell phones are to be used during instructional time (class time: this includes gym, field trips or any time that is spent in the classroom or classroom setting, during school hours)
- c. No AirPods are to be used during class.
- d. No smart watches are to be used during class for messaging or apps
- e. Cell phones are not to be charged during school hours in the building.
- f. During non-instructional time (spares, lunch, etc.), cell phones are not to be used.
- g. No social media is to be accessed during the school day unless sanctioned by school staff.
- h. If a student is found to be leaving the classroom during instructional time to go use their cell phone, immediate consequences will occur.

2. Information Dissemination:

- a. This policy will go home in a school wide email to parents from administration.
- b. There will also be a Grade Level Assembly for explanation of the policy that will be mandatory for all students.

3. Off Campus: We will not be able to monitor phone use when students are on off campus days.

4. Progressive Consequences:

- a. First Offense: Student will be warned, and cell phone will be powered off and placed in student's locker.
- b. Second Offense: Cell phone will be confiscated and released to parent or guardian at the end of the day.
- c. Third Offense: With the cooperation of the parents, the student will not be allowed in the school with a digital device.

Under the Alberta Education Act, Section 31, students are expected to:

- A. Comply with the rules of the school and the policies of the board.
- B. Be accountable to the student's teachers and other school staff for the student's conduct.