

Cell Phone Use Policy (2026-2027)

References:

- Use of Personal Digital Devices in Schools (see also: <https://www.abbyschools.ca/ap-345>)-All schools in our district follow AP 345: Student use of Personal Digital Devices in Schools.
- Ministry of Education Policy: [Cell phone restrictions in schools - Province of British Columbia](#)
- The Anxious Generation: <https://youtu.be/d1QLL9vh4WQ?si=WYK0Kk0YVKO0iowg>

What is a Personal Digital Device?

Personal Digital Devices can include (but are not limited to): phones, headphones, smartwatches, AirPods, tablets, Ipads, Winbooks, and personal computers

Bakerview's Digital Device Policy:

1. Without the permission of the school administrator/teacher, personal digital devices are not to be operated during regularly scheduled hours of instruction or during any school-sponsored activity, such as an assembly or talk by a guest speaker. This includes our two 10-minute breaks daily (10-10:10 am and 12:50-1:00 pm). Phones may be used at lunchtime or when a student is leaving the school grounds after classes are done for the day.
2. Personal digital devices are to be placed in silent mode during instructional time. Teachers will decide if cell phones are to be placed in a student's backpack or in the class-provided cell phone locker.
3. Personal digital devices are not to be taken into test or examination settings unless students have been given permission to do so by the teacher administering the test or exam.
4. Personal digital devices are not to be used in settings such as washrooms, or private counselling rooms that have the potential to violate a person's reasonable expectation of privacy.
5. Students may keep their phones if they have a medical designation and diagnosed condition that requires them to keep and use their phones for monitoring medical conditions (for example, diabetic glucose monitoring). This will be discussed with the classroom staff. The expectation is that the phone be used for medical monitoring only during instructional time.

Students who do not follow the expectations above can expect some or all of the following:

1. The student will be asked by the classroom staff to put their phone away. This may include being locked in a safe place within the classroom, and it will be returned to the student at lunchtime and/or after school. Phones will remain away for the remainder of instructional time.

2. If a phone does not go away or is repeatedly being brought out and a distraction, the student will be sent to office to turn in phone to an administrator who will keep it for the remainder of the student's instructional day.
3. If a student does not comply, they will be sent home for the remainder of the day.
4. If a student is repeatedly referred to the office for phone use in the classroom, an administrator may require the student to hand in their phone to the office every day for a set period of time, which may increase with each repeated referral.

It is highly encouraged that personal digital devices be kept at home. If students do choose to bring their personal digital devices to school, they will be required to be placed in silent mode and placed in the cell phone locker in each classroom.

The security and storage of personal digital devices are the sole responsibility of the owner/user. The School / District assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of personal digital devices.

Contacting students during instructional time:

If a parent/guardian needs to contact a student, guardians are encouraged to call the office (604-859-7820) or your student's classroom phone. The student can then be given their phone to make direct contact with you and can return their phone to the cell phone locker after the call has ended.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement:

- I understand that there is a cell phone policy that will be implemented in my student's classroom and my student will be required to follow the policy outlined above.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Acknowledgement:

- I understand that there is a cell phone policy that will be implemented in my classroom and that I am expected to follow the policy outlined above.

Student Signature

Date