

Cell Phones

The Ministry of Education (August 6, 2024) requires school divisions to develop administrative procedures that ban personal electronic devices during instructional time in Kindergarten to Grade 12, beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

[Chinook School Division AP 139](#)

Here is a summary of how Vanguard Community School will implement Chinook School Division's AP 139 - Use of Smartphones/Personal Electronic Devices Policy.

K-6:

1. No use of smartphones /personal electronic devices from 8:55 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Grades 7,8

1. No use of smartphones/personal electronic devices during instructional times.
2. Devices may be used during lunchtime and the afternoon break.

Grades 9-12

1. No use of smartphones/personal electronic devices during instructional times for grade 9 when it is a grade 8/9 split class.
2. No use of smartphones/personal electronic devices during instructional times, unless there has been a teacher-initiated request with the corresponding classroom management plan.
3. Smartphones/personal electronic devices shall be out of sight and on silent mode during instructions.

Discipline Cycle:

1. (K-8) The staff will make a reasonable request. This means K-8 students are to keep any smartphones or personal electronic devices in their locker from 8:55 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.
2. (Grades 9-12). The staff will make a reasonable request to put smartphones and personal electronic devices out of sight and on silent mode. After this, students will be asked to put the devices in their locker for the remainder of the day.
3. Further breaches on the same day warrant a discipline referral. Depending on the circumstances, the following will occur:

- call parents
- withdraw privileges
- assign detention
- meet with the teacher
- meet with parents
- document (probably all of the time)
- assign community service

Staff

All school staff are expected to model appropriate smartphone/personal electronic devices use during instructional time. They are expected to align with the same guidelines as for the Grades 9-12 students to maintain a consistent and respectful learning environment.

Exceptions:

1. Staff will need to use their smartphone for multifactor authentication.
2. Staff can have their smartphone available during recess and lunch supervision.