

CCS Student Personal Electronic Device Policy

Personal electronic devices include smartphones, tablets, smart watches, and hand-held video game consoles.

Vision:

By implementing this policy, CCS aspires to significantly enhance student learning. CCS is committed to being a safe and caring school. It is our goal to provide students with a distraction-free and focused learning environment, one in which students can focus on the task at hand. CCS remains committed to better prepare students for the expectations of their future working environments.

Rationale:

Student cell phone use has become an increasing concern in the classroom. The 21st century learner can be overwhelmed with new electronic distractions while in the busy school environment. CCS is deeply concerned with the impact of students bringing smartphones and other personal devices into the classroom. Some of these concerns include:

- Students being unable to concentrate on their learning while in possession of a smartphone.
- The constant distractions of alerts, text messages, phone calls, social media notifications, and games.
- Students leaving class to receive personal phone calls or respond to messages.
- Photos and videos being secretly taken that breach the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, BGSD acceptable technology use policies, and compromise classroom security (ex. examinations, class discussions).
- The increased frequency of cyber-bullying through social media applications.
- The increased stress and anxiety that students may endure due to relational aggression that occurs on electronic devices.
- An increase of student addiction to smartphone technology.

CCS Classroom Policies:

- First and foremost students are to keep their devices in their lockers during learning time. If they are not in their lockers during learning, ***students are expected to store their devices in the grey bin provided in their classroom.*** Each student will be provided a number that corresponds to the grey bin with which they will place their device.
- Students will be permitted the use of personal electronic devices before school, on school buses, and after school.
- Routines have been implemented to support safe access to student devices.
- CCS is committed to providing students with school Chromebooks whenever required for learning purposes.

- Students must bring their own personal calculators to class.
- The Library Learning Commons (LLC) and the gymnasium will be considered a classroom space.
- ***Personal electronic devices may be confiscated by staff members if they are found present in the classroom (and not in the grey bin).*** At an appropriate time, the device will be brought to school administration in the office and the offence will be noted in a log book.
- Further repeat offences may be treated as willful disobedience by school administration.
- In the event of an emergency, parents may reach their child by contacting the main office at 780-986-8353.