



COLUMBIA SCHOOL

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Columbia School Cell Phone Policy

2025-2026 School Cell Phone Pilot Policy:

To support focused learning, reduce distractions, and promote positive social interactions, Columbia School is implementing the following cell phone policy for all Grade 6–8 students. Students in all other grades will not be allowed a cell phone at school.

Lock Box Procedure:

- Upon arrival each morning, students must place their cell phone in the designated classroom lock box.
- The lock box will remain secured during the instructional day.
- Students will have access to their phone during last recess (1:55 to 2:05pm) to respond to any messages that parents/guardians may have sent for after school arrangements.
- Students will retrieve their phones at the end of the school day.

Rationale:

- Alignment with Saskatchewan Ministry of Education mandate to not have cell phones during instructional minutes.
- Encourages full engagement in learning activities.
- Reduces social media and messaging distractions.
- Promotes safe, respectful interactions.

Exceptions:

- Students who require access to a phone for medical reasons or other approved accommodations. Parents must speak with the principal for a specific arrangement.

Non-Compliance:

- First incident: Verbal reminder and phone placed in lock box.
- Repeated incidents may result in the phone being held at the office and a parent/guardian contacted.

We appreciate your support in helping create a focused and respectful learning environment for all students.

