



CHARLES BLOOM SECONDARY SCHOOL

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**Re: Classroom Cell Phone Policy Update**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In alignment with the **Ministry of Education and Child Care's provincial mandate** to limit personal digital device use during instructional time, Charles Bloom Secondary is implementing a continuation of our cell phone policy effective immediately.

To support focused learning and reduce distractions, **students must hand in their phones to the teacher upon entering each class**. Alternatively, students are encouraged to leave their phones in their lockers and not bring them to class at all. Devices will be stored securely in designated cell phone pouches and students will be permitted to receive them back at the end of each block.

**Consequences for Non-Compliance:**

- **1st Offense:** Phone sent to the office for the day; student retrieves it after school.
- **2nd Offense:** Phone held in office; **parent/guardian must pick it up.**
- **3rd Offense:** **Automatic suspension; parent meeting required** before student returns to class.

Phones will still be permitted during non-instructional times such as before/after school, during breaks, and at lunch. If parents/guardians need to get a hold of their child during instructional time, we ask that you please contact the school office directly.

We appreciate your support in helping us create a learning environment that prioritizes student success and well-being.

Sincerely,

Josh Gutknecht  
Principal

Robyn Lindahl  
Vice Principal