



Cell Phone & Other Mobile Device Use at John Davidson School

On June 17, 2024, Alberta's government introduced new restrictions on the use of personal mobile devices in classrooms and access to social media sites on school networks, beginning in the fall of 2024. A checklist was provided by the government to help school authorities develop their policies and procedures.

As per the Government of Alberta's guidance on the use of cellphones, other mobile devices, and access to social media in schools - John Davidson School has developed a site based policy. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, we will no longer permit the use of personal mobile devices in classrooms, or access to social media sites on school networks. Some examples of mobile devices, but are not limited to include smartphones, tablets, laptop computers, smart watches, e-readers, drones, walkie talkies, iPods, MP3 players, and handheld gaming consoles.

Palliser School Division have also implemented their own procedure under Administrative Procedure 355 that supports the government initiative.

This means that any student cell phone or personal mobile device brought into the (Grade 9 and younger) school will be taken for the duration of the day. The advising teacher will keep the phone until the end of the day. Parents will be reminded of our policy and advise the device is not to return to school again. If there is a repeat offense the device will only be returned to the parent during an in person meeting.

Grade 10-12 Only

John Davidson will not assume any responsibility for lost, stolen, damaged cell phones. Again, **we strongly encourage students not to bring their devices to school.**

Should you feel the need to send their phone (Grade 10-12 only) it will be held in the student's advisor's room where they may check it during scheduled breaks and with teacher permission and supervision. A signed permission form must be completed (see below) prior to the student being allowed to bring this to school.

Education Act, s 31, 52, 53, 196, 197, 222

[Administrative Procedure 140: Responsible Use of Electronic Information Resources](#)

Administrative Procedure 141: Social Media And Online Posting

[Administrative Procedure 340: Student Code of Conduct](#)

[Administrative Procedure 351: Student Discipline and Suspension](#)

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Date: _____

I acknowledge that I have read and understand that John Davidson **will not be responsible** for any damaged, theft or lost devices.

Parent Name

Parent Signature

List of JDS Students with Cell
phones: _____