

# Cell Phones & Electronic Devices

Cell phones and other electronic devices continue to present an increased disruption to instructional time and raise issues associated with bullying and cheating. Therefore, a CELL PHONE / ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY has been instituted at Sturgeon Composite High School, effective until the end of exams in June.

## CELL PHONES, SMARTPHONES, MP3 PLAYERS, IPODS, AND SIMILAR ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PERMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Students will be allowed cell phones in the cafeteria or outside at any time.
- NO cell phone use allowed in the Library at any time.
- Cell phone use will be permitted in the hallways between classes (at breaks).
- Cell phone use in the classroom will be up to the individual teacher's discretion. Some teachers allow students to use features on their phones to assist them in class. When this is not the case, it is advised that students should turn off their phones and place them on the top of their desks where they are visible.

Violation of this policy will result in the device in question being immediately confiscated and turned over to an Administrator in the Office.

- First Offence: The device in question will be picked up by the student at the end of the day from the Main Office.
- Second Offence: A parent or guardian is required to pick up the device in question from the Main Office.
- Third & Subsequent Offences: In school community service or suspension.

If a student must be contacted for any reason during the school day, parents/guardians should contact the Main Office and the message will be relayed to the student. For emergencies only, the student will be contacted immediately in the classroom.

NOTE: ALBERTA EDUCATION POLICY STATES THAT STUDENTS MAY NOT BRING CELL PHONES AND/OR PERSONAL AUDIO DEVICES INTO THE EXAMINATION ROOM.

