

NEW Electronic Device and Cell Phone Policy for Lester B. Pearson High School

Objective: The primary objective of Lester B. Pearson High School's new electronic device and cell phone policy is to create a focused environment that is conducive for teaching and learning. An environment that minimizes distractions, promotes academic integrity, and ensures the safety and well-being of all its students and staff.

Policy Overview: Cellphones and other electronic devices such as iPads, earbuds, smartwatches etc. are strictly prohibited while students are in class. Electronic device and cell phone use is only permitted in the common areas of the school during the entry, the lunch period and at dismissal (**FIRST FLOOR ONLY: PLAZA, CAFETERIA, LOCKER BAY, and SPORT-ÉTUDES AREA**). **Electronic device and cell phone use in the hallways is prohibited.** Students must keep all their electronic devices and their cell phones turned off and securely stored in their lockers during class time. Lester B. Pearson High School and its staff will not be responsible for lost or missing electronic devices or cell phones.

Violation of the electronic device and cell phone policy as stated above will result in the immediate confiscation of the device or phone and to the following ladder of disciplinary actions:

First Offense: Verbal Warning.

The device or phone will be confiscated and held in the main office until the end of the day. Students may retrieve their device or their phone **ONLY** at the end of the school day. Also, a detention will be issued by the administration.

Second Offense: Written Warning.

Once confiscated, the device or phone will remain in the main office until the end of the day. Students may retrieve their device or their phone **ONLY** at the end of the school day. Also, 2 school detentions will be issued by the administration. Furthermore, the administration will establish contact with a parent or guardian.

Third Offense: Required Parent or Guardian Meeting.

The administration will establish contact with a parent or guardian, and the confiscated device or phone will remain in the main office until it is retrieved by the parent or the guardian during regular school hours. Afterwards, and for a duration of 5 days, students will be required to hand in their device and/or their phone, every morning, at the main office. Students may retrieve their item(s) at the end of each school day.

Subsequent Offenses: Subsequent violations will result in a school suspension, and a code of conduct contract including a meeting with a parent or guardian.

Emergency Situations: In case of an emergency, students and parents are asked to refrain from texting each other and are encouraged to communicate through the main office.

Policy Enforcement: Teachers, staff, and administration are all responsible for enforcing this policy consistently. It is imperative to communicate the policy clearly to students, parents, and staff in order to ensure that the disciplinary actions are applied uniformly.

Policy Review: This electronic device and cell phone policy will be subject to periodic review to assess its effectiveness and relevance. Feedback from students, parents, and staff will be considered in refining the policy, if needed.

It should be noted that refusal to hand in a cell phone or any other electronic device, when directed to do so by a teacher, a member of staff or an administrator is a violation of our school's Code of Conduct.

This type of insubordinate behavior will not be tolerated, and consequences will be issued accordingly.