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Cell Phone Expectations for Caledonia Students September 2025 – June 2026

At Caledonia Secondary School staff strive to support students with their learning. Research shows that frequent cell phone interruptions/distractions in the classroom present significant challenges to young people and their ability to remain focused. With this in mind, the use of cell phones in classrooms is a decision to be made by the teacher. Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of cell phones in their classroom for educational purposes. If your teenager has a medical condition that requires access to a cell phone, please provide documentation to school administration so access can be granted.

At the beginning of each class, upon entering the classroom, students will put their cell phone in the pocket of the cell phone holder that has been assigned to them.

Students shall only use their phones in class when given direct, explicit instruction from their teacher, <u>for educational purposes only</u>. Students are not to have earbuds or headphones on during class time unless it is directed by a teacher for a specific purpose.

If a student leaves their classroom during instructional time, their cell phone must remain in the cell phone holder. Students can retrieve their cell phone at the end of each class when given permission by the teacher. Students found with their cell phones in the hallway during instructional time will have the cell phone confiscated until they have the opportunity to meet with an administrator.

Students shall not use cell phones to photograph or film other individuals at school or at school sponsored activities without their knowledge and consent. Students shall not e-mail, post to the Internet, or otherwise electronically transmit images, videos and or audio recordings of other individuals taken at school without their expressed consent.

If a parent/guardian needs to contact their teenager during instructional time, please phone Caledonia Secondary School (250-635-6531) for a message to be given to the student. **Caledonia staff expect parents/guardians to only text message / phone their teenager during the non-instructional times indicated below.**

Morning Break	10:06 AM - 10:12 AM
Lunch Break	11:36 AM - 12:16 PM
Afternoon Break	1:41 PM - 1:47 PM

Any student who refuses to meet the expectations described above will be referred to school administration where their cell phone will be confiscated for storage until the end of the school day. Continued defiance will result in progressive discipline.