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Starting the first day of the 2024-2025 school year, Chinook's Edge School Division will align with the Alberta government's Ministerial Order on Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in School. ***In accordance with the government's new standards students will not be permitted to use cellphones/personal mobile devices (Personal mobile devices include: cellphones, smartwatches, and tablets) and social media during instructional time. Student access to social media will not be permitted on Chinook's Edge networks.*** These guidelines will ensure our students' learning environments are free from distractions, allowing our teachers to deepen engagement and learning.

Policy:

Students are not permitted to use personal mobile devices during instructional time, but may have access before school, during class transitions, at lunch and after school. Students must power off their personal mobile devices and store them not on their person and out of view. If a student has a specified, documented educational, health or medical reason for the use of personal mobile devices, a principal, in consultation with parent and classroom teacher, may permit limited use.

Under the direction of the school and classroom teacher, students will be permitted to use chromebooks and laptops to support learning activities.

Policy Infringements and Consequences:

Discipline for inappropriate possession and/or usage, will be progressive and may include;

1. Initial Infraction: If a staff member observes a violation of this policy, they will tell the student to power down their device and store it out of view and not on the person.
2. Repeated Infraction: If the student continuously violates the policy, the staff member will direct the student to bring their device to the office where it will be securely stored for the remainder of the day.
3. Defiance of Policy: If the student continues to violate the policy, a meeting involving the administration, the student's parents, and the student will be scheduled to develop a plan to ensure compliance with the ministerial order. If the student still does not adhere to the policy, disciplinary measures, such as detentions or suspensions, may be issued.

Support documents, literature and research related to cellphones/social media:

Reference documents:

[Government communication regarding cellphone use in schools](#)

[Ministerial Order - June 20, 2024](#)

Literature/research on the topic of cellphone use:

[Anxious Generation](#) - [Digital Minimalism](#) - [iGen](#) - [2022 OECD PISA Study](#) -

[2023 UNESCO Study on Technology in Education](#) - [2024 Norwegian Study on Middle School cellphone bans](#)

[The case for cellphone free schools](#)