

Cellphone Policy – Emily Stowe Public School

The Ministry of Education mandated that changes be made to board and school codes of conduct specific to student use of cell phones. School boards are required to have these changes in place by November 4th, 2019. The mandate is as follows:

All members of the school community must:

Respect the need of others to work in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching, including by ensuring that cell phones and other personal mobile devices are used only during instructional time (as directed by an educator), for health and medical purposes and/or to support special education needs.

The Emily Stowe cellphone policy will be as follows:

All cellphones should be “off and away” unless students are otherwise given permission at a specific time by an educator.

Cellphone use will not be permitted during non-instructional times on school property including on the school yard before and after school, recesses and nutritional breaks.

Teachers may choose to provide a 5 minute “tech break” at the end of an instructional block to allow students to use their phones.

Parents are asked to contact the office if they need to send a message to their child.

If students are observed using a cellphone during school the following consequences will occur:

1. First time: The phone will be taken and given to the homeroom teacher to be returned at the end of the day.
2. Second time: The phone will be taken by the homeroom teacher to the office. A parent will need to come to pick up the phone.
3. Third time: The phone will be taken and the students will not be allowed to bring it to school.