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Cell Phone Policy

Purpose/Rationale:

At Lilian Schick School, we value student learning and academic, social and emotional growth. We need to be sensitive to changes in technology and culture, which can provide different learning opportunities for our students. Cell phones, widely used for communication, can also serve as tools for learning. Cell phones also possess applications which, if used inappropriately, can disrupt the learning environment and create the possibility for other problematic behavior.

We also recognize, living in a 21st century society, that our interactions with each other have become more digital. Lilian Schick School prioritizes the value of real time, face-to-face, connections with others in an effort to sustain and nurture a sense of belonging with students and staff.

Given the research-based benefits of the purposeful use of technology to support student learning and achievement, each student at Lilian Schick School has access to a ChromeBook to support their educational needs on a daily basis. In the spirit of facilitating a strong sense of connection and belonging, Lilian School School has adopted the following policy of acceptable cell phone usage at school:

Possession and use of a cell phone must fall within these guidelines:

- Cell phones must be on silent (not vibrate) upon entering the building and remain on silent throughout the remainder of the school day.
- Cell phones will be kept in students' lockers or on their person during class time. If students make the choice to keep it on their person, the expectation would be that phones remain in their pocket and are not visible, or in use.
- Cell phones may be used appropriately during the morning and afternoon recess periods and must be returned to students' lockers at the end of the lunch period.
- Cell phones may NOT be brought into the washrooms or locker rooms AT ANY TIME.

- Cell phone cameras and audio recorders may only be used for specific educational benefits and only with prior permission of the teacher or administrator. This includes during the recess breaks.
- If a student inadvertently forgets to put their cell phone away upon arriving to class, the teacher will send the cell phone to the office, where it will be held until either the lunch break (if in the morning) or until the end of the day (if in the afternoon). Students will not be sent to their locker to put it away once class period has started.

Students who choose to bring cell phones to school do so at their own risk. The school assumes NO liability for lost, stolen or damaged cell phones. It is also noted that use or wearing of headphones or air-pods in the hallways or common areas and during class time is prohibited. Exceptions will be made for students who require the use of headphones for educational purposes outlined in their individualized education plan.

Failure to adhere to established guidelines will result in the following corrective measures:

- Level 1 Infraction: Cell phone and/or headphones are turned in to the office and can be picked up at the office at the appropriate time: lunch break (morning), end of day (afternoon). Infraction will be recorded as a Log Entry in Powerschool.
- Level 2 Infraction: Cell phone and/or headphones are turned in until the end of the day and parents are notified. Infraction will be recorded as a Log Entry in Powerschool.
- Level 3 Infraction: Cell phone and/or headphones are turned in until the end of the day and parents are notified to pick up the phone. Phone will not be returned to the student. Infraction will be recorded as a Log Entry in Powerschool.
- Level 4 Infraction: Cell phone is turned into the office at the beginning of each day, and returned at the end of each day, for a time period determined by administration. Infraction will be recorded as a Log Entry in Powerschool.
- Level 5 Infraction: The student will not be permitted to bring their cell phone on campus whatsoever. Infraction will be recorded as a Log Entry in Powerschool.

NOTE: We recognize that there are times when you need to contact your child during the school day. Please contact the school office at 780.921.2200 and we will be sure to connect with your child if required.