

ROSEDALE TRADITIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL



ELECTRONIC DEVICE / CELL PHONE POLICY 2026-27 – Elementary/Middle

The Chilliwack School District is dedicated to fostering a positive and productive learning environment, prioritizing academic achievement and appropriate socialization. The use of cell phones and personal digital devices is a privilege that comes with the responsibility of maintaining this environment. Our classroom and school-wide expectations are designed, in alignment with Ministerial Order 276/07, to uphold this commitment with the recognition that the student-use guidelines align with students' developmental age and stage of life. Our classroom and school wide expectations include:

- During instructional minutes (from the morning bell to the dismissal bell) students are NOT permitted to use cell phones or personal devices at school. They are NOT permitted to carry their cell phones in pockets or in backpacks during this time.
- Students are to store their devices in a designated area identified by staff. For example, a classroom storage bin or lockers may be acceptable if determined by the classroom teacher.
- During break and lunch periods, students are encouraged to be active and socialize with friends. **Students are not permitted to use their cell phones and other devices during this time.**
- Your child's teacher may permit cell phones or personal digital devices in class for educational reasons. This is at the discretion of the classroom teacher.
- To contact a student during instructional time, please call the school's office number.
- Students who have accessibility or accommodation needs, where a personal digital device is needed to ensure quality of learning, will have access.
- Students with medical or health-related reasons who require a personal digital device will also have access.
- For privacy considerations, unauthorized taking of pictures, videos, or recordings at school during activities (including riding the school bus) is strictly prohibited as per Administrative Procedure 481: Audio/Video Recordings, Photography and Live Streaming.
- Headphones/ear buds must not be worn or visible during instructional time, including assemblies, unless the teacher has allowed them.

Unauthorized use of electronic devices is not tolerated. If a student is found using a device without permission, it will be confiscated and returned at the end of the class or day as determined by school staff.

For repeated offences, the device(s) will be given to the office who may return the device(s) to the student and/or contact the parents if the issue persists. Students may then be asked to turn their cell phone into the office each morning and pick it up at the end of the day or to leave it at home.