



CELL PHONE & DIGITAL AUDIO PLAYERS POLICY

Technology continues to evolve and is reshaping our society. Over the last few years cell phones, MP3 players and iPods have made a negative intrusion into our school community and in particular into our classrooms. We are all aware of the possibility for misuse of these multifunctional devices. From phones ringing in classrooms to text messaging from a washroom to a classroom, each is a distraction to profound learning.

- 1 No cell phone may be used, seen or heard in any classroom setting, including gym activities.
- 2 No MP3 player, iPod or similar music device may be used in any classroom setting (including gym activities and class field trips). There are three exceptions:
 - A The classroom teacher has written permission from the Vice-Principal of Academics to permit these or similar devices on the basis that their use will improve the learning culture in the classroom.
 - B The student has had a formal professional assessment that recommends listening to music during a classroom session as a specific strategy to improve the quality of the learning for this particular student.
 - C One of these devices or a similar device is used to privately listen to instructional media approved by the teacher.
- 3 Exceptions to the above can be arranged in advance by special request to the administration.