



Sir William Osler Elementary School

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Reducing Distractions in Classrooms and Schools (PPM 128)

Hello Osler Families,

There has been a lot of communication in the media about the new PPM 128 and the use of cell phones in the classroom.

At Sir William Osler, students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 WILL NOT be using cell phones or mobile devices through the day. Please see the excerpt from the Board website below.

- ***Students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 must have their devices stored out of view and powered off (or on silent mode) throughout the full instructional day (school day), including nutrition breaks unless permitted by the educator.***

If students are required to use technology for school activities then they will be using school devices under teacher direction and supervision.

- *Students are responsible for their personal mobile devices and how they use them. If an educator sees a personal mobile device not stored out of view and powered off, the student must **hand it in for the instructional day (elementary) or instructional period (secondary)**. It will be placed by the student in a storage area in a location designated by the educator.*

Students that bring their phone to school will store them in their locker or if you know that your child is going to have difficulty with the “no cell phone policy” then it may be to their benefit, for parents to keep their child’s phone at home. This way the child won’t have any distractions and can focus on the classroom material throughout the school day.

Parents, if there is an emergency or you need to contact your child at school we ask that you call SWO main office 905-628-1588, so that we can support immediately.

Please refer to the link below on HWDSB policy.

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