

Use of Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices by Students

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To protect the safety and privacy of our students and staff and to reduce disruptions to the learning environment of the whole school, Vincent Massey prohibits the use of cell phones, electronic communication devices, and digital cameras in the school upon entry of the school and until the students leave the school building.

Cell phones, electronic communication devices and digital cameras must be out of sight and turned off upon entry of Vincent Massey High School.

Students requiring to send or receive important personal phone and/or text messages are allowed to access or obtain this information in the designated cell phone usage area. The designated cell phone usage area is located at the main entrance and is the area between the two sets of doors before entering the main foyer. Usage of cell phones, electronic communication devices, and digital cameras in any other area of the school is prohibited and subject to administrative action

Students will experience the following consequences when the student is not fully cooperative:

- **First Offence:**

Student loses cell phone. Cell phones can be picked up the next day.

- **Second Offence/Continuing Offences:**

Student loses cell phone. Parent and/or guardian must pick it up from an administrator.

Inappropriate, disrespectful, and uncooperative student responses to a staff member when he/she is requesting the handing over of a cell phone, electronic communication device, or digital camera will be subject to consequences in accordance to the division's and schools' code of conduct guidelines.

Students who use electronic communication devices to invade personal privacy or contribute to behaviour that is injurious to another student and/or staff member, to access, upload, download or distribute material that the school has determined objectionable, or send or receive personal messages, data or information that would contribute to or constitute cheating will be subject to the consequences determined by the school in accordance to the division's and school's appropriate code of conduct guidelines.

Digital Recording Devices

Brandon School Division Policy Statement – Use of electronic communication device (i.e. cell phone) equipped with a digital camera to record video, still shots or sound may only be done with the expressed permission of a supervising staff member and with full advance knowledge and permission of any individual or group being recorded. Sharing, distribution, broadcasting or posting to the internet must comply with policy, as well as the Freedom of information and protection of Privacy Act, and with the expressed permission of the school principal. Recordings made secretly and/or used maliciously will result in disciplinary action and may involve police involvement.

Consequences for using digital recording devices that have not been approved by supervising teacher and/or principal will be as follows:

- 5 days out-of-school suspension; possible recommendation for additional delays to Superintendents' Department
- Possible Police Contact

Inappropriate, disrespectful, and uncooperative student responses to a staff member when he/she is requesting the handing over of a cell phone, electronic communication device, or digital camera will be subject to consequences in accordance to the school's code of conduct guidelines for insubordination.

- Each offence – a five day out of school suspension; possible recommendation for additional days to Superintendents' Department.