

Clearwater Secondary Cell Phone Use Guidelines

Cell phones can be a useful educational tool in some circumstances but are often a distraction from learning, especially for younger students who are less able to self regulate. It is our experience that younger students have more office referrals for inappropriate use and that the vast majority of their cell phone use is a distraction from learning. Students in grade 11/12 are typically better at self regulating their cell phone use.

Grade 8

Students will not be permitted to use their phones in class. Phones are to stay in lockers. Phones brought to class will be placed in a bin designated by the teacher. Phones may be used during break times. Students will be able to access Google Classroom via chrome books or desktop computers.

Grade 9

Students will not be permitted to use their phones during the majority of the period. Class should start with phones being placed in a bin designated by the teacher. At teacher discretion phones will be allowed for specific uses such as checking Google Classroom or collecting artifacts of learning such as video or photos.

Grade 10/11/12

Teachers will set their own policy of cell phone use in the class, monitoring whether phones are adding to the learning or distracting from it. Cell phones should generally be on teachers desks during quizzes or tests. Headphones should not be in while teachers are providing direction instruction, during lab work, or in the shop environment.