



# Stony Plain Central School

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**PARKLAND**  
SCHOOL DIVISION

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Technology is a part of our world, both at home and school. At SPC we are fortunate to have a plethora of technology which allows us to address the educational needs of our students. Students at our school are welcome to bring their own laptop to school to assist their learning, but they are *not required to do so*.

While we recognize that cell phones are a part of our everyday lives, they are not required to meet curricular outcomes. In fact, cell phones are often a distraction to our students' ability to engage in their learning. To support student learning, the cell phone expectation at SPC is that all students will not have cell phones in our classrooms and will leave their phones in their lockers when they are brought to school. If parents need to reach their child due to an emergency please call the office at (780) 963-2203.

## **Cell Phone and Other Personal Devices General Understandings, Grade 7-9**

1) Students are welcome to bring their own laptop and have it accessible at their desks under teacher supervision. Cell phones are **NOT** welcome in the classroom or during transition time between classes. They **ARE** allowed during recesses outside for Junior High only.

**First Offense & Second Offense:** The cell phone remains in the care of the teacher for the day and connects with the parent.

**Further Offenses:** The cell phone remains in the care of the teacher for the day and the teacher/administration connects with the parents to discuss a plan.

2) **Students contacting parents** need to be consistent. Students will ask teachers **BEFORE** they contact parents when they are ill, upset or require something. Teachers will assist students in contacting home through the classroom/office phone.

3) Students will access the PSD WiFi and connect to the Internet for **educational purposes**, unless otherwise allowed by the teacher.

4) Any device will be used **responsibly**. When usage is inappropriate, there will be **consequences** such as temporary confiscation of a personal device, communication with parents, or inaccessibility to technology for learning. The Responsible Use of Technology Agreement applies to personal devices while at school as well. **Digital citizenship** is important. "Doing the right thing online" is expected.

5) All personal devices will need to be **charged** at home, and be ready to go. It is not recommended that devices be left at school overnight. **Care of the devices** remains in the hands of the student, and the school takes no responsibility for repair or replacement of personal devices.

6) **Privacy** is to be protected. No personal devices are to be brought into washrooms or changerooms. No photos or recordings will be created or shared **at any time** without prior consent from the individuals involved. Students are aware of these expectations, as well as the consequences that we have agreed upon if they fail to adhere to this expectation.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tanya Neuman - Principal  
Mrs. Darla Villeneuve - Assistant Principal  
Mr. Warren Moody - Assistant Principal