



PRINCE RUPERT MIDDLE SCHOOL **CELL PHONE/PERSONAL DEVICE POLICY**

Maintaining a positive and safe learning environment is the top priority of Prince Rupert Middle School.

- Students will be permitted to have cell phones at school but the device must be kept in their locker during the school day, from the first bell of the day until the last bell of the day.
- Students may take their phone out of their locker during the day to take with them if they have signed permission to be leaving the school grounds for various reasons approved by parents/guardians.
- Students **MUST** have their cell phones turned off or on “silent mode” during the school day.
- The only exception to the above policy; device for instructional purposes will be permitted, with the teacher’s permission and supervision and the permission of the administrator.
- Students cannot use cell phone/device to photograph or record other students or staff.
- Emergency Situations (fire drills, lock-downs, hold and secures), assemblies, or other school events are considered cell phone blackouts. During such events, there will be absolute **ZERO TOLERANCE** on cell phone use.

Should a student be observed violating this policy the following consequence may be applied:

1st incident – A verbal warning will be given to the student

2nd incident – Cell phone / device will be confiscated and will be picked up at the office at the end of the day.

3rd incident – Cell phone / device will be confiscated and will require a parent/guardian to pick up the device at the end of the day

4th and any subsequent incidents – cell phone/device will be confiscated and returned at the determination of the school administrator