

LEARNERS CELL PHONE POLICY

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AMBERFIELD
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Review members:

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy regulates the use of cell phones and other electronic signalling devices during school hours in order to ensure uninterrupted instruction, safety, and reduction of theft

2. DEFINITIONS

- “electronic signalling devices” refers to and includes, but is not limited to, hands-free phone apparatus, tablets, 2-way (walkie-talkie) radios, hand-held radios, computer-phone texting, portable signalling devices, smart watches and other similar electronic devices
- “misuse” includes but is not restricted to inappropriate language, harassment, bullying, threats and use of a device during school hours leading to an interrupted instruction

3. POLICY STATEMENT

- Learners may not bring personal cell phones or electronic signalling devices to school except for an approved tablet that is used solely for the purpose of e-learning in Grades 8 and 9.
- Any cell phones used or seen by any member of staff will be confiscated and returned to the parent/guardian on the last day of the school term
- No cell phone may be used as a recording device on the school premises
- Cell phones or electronic signalling devices may not be used to take photographs or videos on the school premises

4. AMENDMENTS TO POLICY

The school reserves its right to deviate from this policy if it deems it necessary or appropriate and to amend this policy from time to time in accordance with any changed policy considerations of the school or legal developments