

**Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School** 

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## Our Lady Mount Pleasant Catholic School PCD Policy

At OLMP, we strive to maintain an optimum learning environment for your child and a place where all students can learn and #GROW. In order to maintain a safe and caring environment for all students, and in alignment with <u>Ministerial Order #14/24</u>, OLMP will implement the following:

**Definition of PCD** - Any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet, including, but not limited to cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, earbuds.

- All students must adhere to the <u>technology agreement</u> signed by parents at the beginning of the year.
- Students in grades 5-6 will be expected to keep their cell phones/PCDs in their locker for the entirety of the school day.
- Students in grades 7-12, are expected to keep cell phones/PCDs in their locker during school instructional time including school events (mass, guest speaker, etc). Students may have access to their PCDs during lunch and scheduled class breaks.
- Exceptions may be outlined in a student's medical or individual learning plan.
- Cell phones are NOT permitted in a counseling space, bathroom or locker room at any time.
- In the event of an emergency during classroom time, PCD's are to remain in students' lockers.
  - In the event of an emergency such as a Hold and Secure or Lockdown <u>during a break</u> when PCD's are allowed, all PCD's are to be handed in upon arrival to class.
- As per divisional stipulations, social media use is not permitted on school grounds.
- If parents need to reach their child, please contact the school at 780-672-2975. Students will be allowed access to either the classroom phone or the front office phone, with permission from their classroom teacher.

The following will apply if your child decides to take or use their cell phone/PCD in the classroom:

- 1. First Time: Student's cell phone/PCD will be confiscated and taken to the office. Students can pick it up at the end of the day.
- 2. Second Time: Student's cell phone/PCD will be confiscated and taken to the office to be picked up at the end of the day. A phone call will be made to parents from administration.
- 3. Third Time: Student's cell phone/PCD will be confiscated and parents will be required to pick it up at the office.

In order to ensure OLMP remains a safe and caring school for all, students must adhere to <u>AP 350</u> student code of conduct as well as <u>AP 145 Use of Personal Communication Devices</u>. Please go over the above stipulations with your child and direct any questions to our office. This policy will be reviewed with all students next week during staggered entry.

Kind Regards,

OLMP Catholic School Administration