

AOL Personal Electronic Device Policy

Personal Electronic Device Policy:

In accordance with the Government of Alberta's Ministerial Order #014/2024 Standards for the Use of Personal Devices and Social Media in Schools, Archbishop O'Leary High School will restrict the use of personal electronic devices such as cellphones and smart watches, air pods, or any Bluetooth devices.

Expectations:

- Students may not use cell phones/smart watches, air pods and tablets during instructional time.
- If brought to school, these devices must be in silent mode and secured in lockers during instructional time. If there is no locker assigned to a student, these devices must be powered off and stored in the student's backpack.
- These devices are not to be used in settings such as change rooms, washrooms, or private counselling rooms that have the potential to violate a person's expectation of privacy.
- Personal electronic devices may be permitted for educational purposes only when directed by teachers within the instructional space.
- Students on spares are not allowed to use cellphones in instructional spaces such as Success Centre and Braided Journeys.
- Personal electronic devices will only be permitted for health or medical reasons or to support special learning needs with this allowance documented in a signed IPP.

All exceptions to this policy must be approved by the principal, prior to implementation. We strongly encourage students to leave these devices at home. If brought to school, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that any devices are kept in a secure location. Staff are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

Policy Misconduct:

Failure to comply with this policy will result in the following:

Infraction 1: warning will be issued to the student by a staff member by being asked to put items away (if the phone is immediately put away there is no further discussion)

Next Infraction: continued defiance or failure to comply with a staff member will result in further school-based consequences such as suspension and request for parent meeting with administrator.

***If a student refuses to follow the rules and the cell phone policy listed above, consequences will be immediate.

Under the *Alberta Education Act, Section 31* and the *Provincial Ministerial Order*, students are expected to:

- comply with the rules of the school and the policies of the board
- co-operate with everyone authorized by the board to provide education programs and other services
- be accountable to the students' teachers and other school staff for the student's conduct