

POLICY 29: USE OF PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA IN SCHOOLS

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools is committed to serving the children and parents of the Division in the best interests of the student's physical, mental, spiritual, emotional and moral health, following the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Schools will help all students to realize their responsibility to transform the world by practicing their Catholic faith.

The Board of Trustees of Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools recognizes that personal mobile devices and social media offer valuable opportunities for communication, information access, and enhanced instruction and learning. However, the Board also believes that it is necessary to restrict the use of these devices and platforms within schools and the division, particularly concerning students' use of cell phones and social media, to foster caring and respectful learning and working environments.

Therefore, the Board expects schools to establish practices that align with the standards established by Alberta Education and work to ensure the appropriate use of personal mobile devices and social media access on the division's network by students.

These practices should contribute to the online safety and security of students, maximize learning by supporting distraction-free environments that promote student well-being, minimize opportunities for bullying, and safeguard personal privacy and academic integrity.

Reference: GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MINISTERIAL ORDER (#014/2024): Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools

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