



Queechy High School prides itself on fostering responsible young learners and consequently respects the rights of students to bring mobile phones to school where they are used appropriately. This includes making sure that they do not interfere with teaching and learning, meetings and assemblies and the safe supportive environment of others.

Responsible Use of Mobile Phones at School Policy

- Mobile phones may only be used during break times at school (recess and lunch).
- Mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight during lesson times. Silent or discreet settings are not acceptable.
- Mobile phones are not to be used to send derogatory or harassing messages.
It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person. As such, if action as sanctioned by the Principal is deemed ineffective, as with all such incidents, the school may consider it appropriate to involve the police.
- Mobile phones are not to be used to take or send photos.
- Students must not be late to class because of mobile telephone calls.
- Should parents need to contact their children during the school day they may ring the school office where staff will be happy to pass messages to students
- The school will not be responsible for any theft or damage involving mobile phones, nor possible risks to health through using mobile phones.

Should students need to use a phone during the school day they can obtain permission to use the office phone from an Assistant Principal. Normal phone charges will apply and must be paid for the following day.

Where students do not demonstrate a responsible and appropriate use of phones as per this policy the following consequences will apply.

First Offence

Students will be asked for their phone and it will be their responsibility to collect it from the main office at the end of the school day. The incident will be recorded by the teacher concerned on a yellow incident form which will be entered on the student support planner.

Second Offence

Students will be asked for their phone and it will be their responsibility to collect it from the main office at the end of the school day. The incident will be recorded by the teacher concerned on a yellow incident form which will be entered on the student support planner. A letter notifying a parent / guardian of the inappropriate use will be sent with the request for a phone agreement to be signed and notification that should the phone be used inappropriately a third time that it will be held at the office until a parent / guardian can come into collect it.

Third Offence

Students will be asked for their phone and it will be held in the school's main office until it can be collected by a parent /guardian.

If students refuse to hand over their mobile phone procedures for defiance will be followed.