



General Stewart Personal Device Policy

To help foster a focused and safe learning environment, the Government of Alberta introduced new standards in June of 2024 that limit the use of personal mobile devices and social media in schools. The order will take effect on Sept. 1, 2024, and school divisions are expected to have policies, procedures or processes that align with the order by Jan. 1, 2025 at the latest.

In alignment with the Ministerial Order #014/2024 “Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices in Schools” and Lethbridge School Division Procedure 607.4.2, student attending General Stewart Elementary School will not be permitted to use personal mobile devices for the entirety of the school day.

Use of social media platforms on Division networks is restricted to educational use only.

Students who bring devices to school will need to store them in their backpacks.

Staff, schools and/or Lethbridge School Division assume no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of personal mobile devices that are brought to schools and are not responsible for personal mobile devices that are damaged or lost when they are being stored by the school or in classrooms.

Limited use of personal mobile devices will be permitted for health or medical reasons. Exceptions for health or medical reasons will be approved by the Principal or designate (ex. Diabetic monitoring)

Parents and guardians requiring contact with their students throughout the school day can call the main office.