

## **Mobile Device Policy**

On June 17, 2024, Alberta's government introduced new restrictions on the use of personal mobile devices in classrooms and access to social media sites on school networks, beginning in fall 2024. Below is the Mobile Device Policy of Fusion Christian Academy.

General restrictions

- Children and students may not possess or use personal mobile devices during instructional time.
- Children and students may not access social media on school networks or on school devices.
- Internet access on student Chromebooks is limited to approved education learning apps generally used in the classroom.

Limited use exceptions

- Limited use of personal mobile devices will be permitted, as determined the FCA Senior Management Team (SMT) for health or medical reasons or to support special learning needs. A request made in writing must be submitted by the parent or guardian of an FCA child or student for the limited use of a mobile device for medical reasons, and the request must be approved by the FCA SMT.
- Limited use of personal mobile devices may be permitted for educational or other purposes, as determined by the FCA Academic Principal or Lead Teacher in the learning studio.
- Access to social media is limited to educational projects as approved by the FCA Academic Principal and/or the learning studio Lead Teacher.
  - Social media is made up of websites, apps, and other platforms that allow users to share information and ideas with virtual communities through text, photos, videos, and more. Access to social medial will be limited to work on school projects and for **educational purposes only.** Access to social media for entertainment purposes is prohibited. Social media sites or content that include sexually explicit content, foul language or derogatory or demeaning messaging are strictly prohibited.