



Government of Jammu & Kashmir
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Restriction on the use of Mobile Phones in Schools.

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The use of mobile phones in schools is bound to cause distraction in learning atmosphere. Cameras, which are a common feature now in most mobile phones, can also be misused. It is imperative to create an ideal academic environment in schools. Therefore, the use of mobile phones should be restricted on school campus by teachers & staff and prohibited inside the school premises for students. It is hereby notified that the following instructions be followed by all the Heads of Institutions (Government as well as Private recognized), in letter and spirit:-

1. To promote a safe and secure educational environment for effective teaching and learning and to discourage students from actions detrimental to themselves, their peers and the value system.
2. Ensure safe and effective use of the Internet and Digital Technologies inside School and School Buses. Increasing proliferation and sophistication of various electronic devices makes it all the more obligatory for schools to control and monitor their use by students.
3. Carrying electronic communication devices, including those that can store/record/play audio-visual content; transmit or receive images; or provide unfiltered connection to the Internet such as iPads, DVD/CD players, game consoles, handheld PC, smart phones, laptops, tablet or any other gadget with similar capabilities of data storage/transmission is not permitted in school premises and on school buses.
4. HOIs, are advised to take measures to pre-empt any inappropriate and illegal activity through IT enabled devices in schools, monitor and allow children to access only pre-selected websites appropriate to their age group, sensitize parents about Internet safety norms and take strict disciplinary action against those who attempt to access inappropriate or illegal material.
5. Institutions may provide land line telephone/s from where the teachers and students can make calls in emergency and unavoidable circumstances on due permission. There could be a centralized system of receiving and recording calls for teachers and students of the school.
6. Prohibit the carrying of mobile phones by students to the school and to disallow its use by teachers inside classrooms, laboratories and during other academic and co-curricular activities. The restrictions applies to teachers and the Head of the institutions as well.

7. Any teacher/staff member who is observed using mobile phones will be duly disciplined. The HOI, shall be tasked with taking appropriate action to ensure that no teacher/staff member uses mobile phones in the school campus.
8. These directions shall be conveyed to all the school teachers and staff members and intimated to students during the morning assembly sessions and in classrooms by class in-charges. Parents must be also asked to ensure that their wards do not carry phone/electronic devices to the school. Notice to this effect can also be put up at the entrance of the schools and prominent places in the school for information of parents, students, teachers and visitors.

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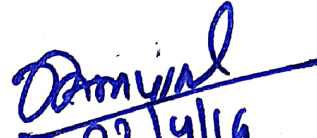
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