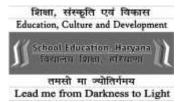


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USAGE OF MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL Guidelines

It has been seen that many teachers take mobile phones in the class rooms during teaching hours for their personal use as against the professional one. This diverts teaching time of classroom to other purposes which are unproductive for the academic improvement of schools. It needs to be checked.

The mobile phone has recently emerged as the single gadget which has started consuming class time of some teachers. The social media or other entertainment scopes of mobiles hardly contribute anything towards the syllabus which is to be taught primarily to the students in the school campus. Though there may be sporadic creative instances whereby a teacher may want to use a mobile phone for the creative academic purposes. Yet, if in the name of a rare creativity a no-holds-barred situation is allowed in the campuses then undesirable consequences are bound to arise.

Before the use of mobile phones further eat into the quality teaching hours, we need to issue guidelines on conduct of teachers regarding use of mobile phones:

- 1. Henceforth, no teacher shall take mobile phones to the classrooms.
- 2. The mobile phones shall be kept stashed away in the staff room or in an area ear-marked by the Head of School for this purpose. This place where mobile phone shall be kept can be the head of school room, staff room, the clerk or any other employee whom the head of school may like to make incharge of the custody thereof.
- 3. If for some unavoidable reasons, mobile phone is required to be taken to the class room for academic use by a teacher then prior permission should be had from the head of school for reasons to be recorded in a register to be maintained for this purpose.
- 4. To facilitate emergent communications about the teachers it shall be ensured that the head of school shall make available two contact numbers to all teachers.
 - These two phone numbers for emergency call can be that of head of school, the second senior most incharge of the school or the clerk of the school or the arrangement as deemed fit by the head of school.
- 5. Use of mobile phone during non-class time can be only in area removed from the classes' area. The students should be saved from the disturbance of external influence of mobile phones.
- 6. The parameter of class presence without mobile phones applies to Head of school also.
- 7. All inspecting officers, whether on regular inspection or surprise inspections, shall ensure to check whether compliance of these instructions are being made meticulously or not. In case of any violation, the action against the head of school shall be proposed by the inspecting officer.
- 8. If any substantive complaint is received from any other person like students, general public that these guidelines are being violated in any campus then the head of school shall be held squarely accountable.

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