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Confiscation of device

Cell phones are not confiscated or seized for inspection, but rather to prevent the spread of child sexual abuse and exploitation material* that may pose a safety risk to the students involved.

If the SEXTO protocol applies, the images do not need to be viewed.

Your child was involved in a sexting incident that was reported to school staff. In accordance with the SEXTO protocol, your child's cell phone (or other electronic device such as a laptop or tablet) has been **confiscated** by school staff because they have reason to believe that it contains child sexual abuse and exploitation material.*

Since it is illegal to possess, produce, share or access this type of content, the device will be handed over to a police officer, who will **seize** it.

- Failure to **cooperate** will result in the case being forwarded to the investigations office, with possible consequences such as charges being laid. Your child would therefore not be eligible for the SEXTO procedure, which involves an awareness-raising session at the police station.
- Please note that improper use of cell phones is covered in school **codes of conduct**, and students and parents agree to comply with these rules.
- SEXTO is a measure of the Gouvernement du Québec's Concerted Action Plan to **Prevent and Counter Bullying and Cyberbullying**.
- If you have any questions, please contact your local police station.

The return of your child's cell phone or other electronic device will be **subject to the decision of the Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales** (DPCP) after analysis of the incident report.

*Since October 10, 2025, the term child pornography has been replaced by child sexual abuse and exploitation material in accordance with legislative changes.

SEXTO: Intervention protocol between schools, police services and the Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales aimed at limiting the distribution of sexual images of minors.

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