

Technology and Communication Device Policy

Positive Expectations:

2. Strive for personal best.
 - e. Use time effectively for intended purpose
4. Respect the rights and safety of others.
 - i. Use personal electronic devices when granted permission and for positive uses
5. Respect your environment.
 - c. Use equipment safely and within appropriate use guidelines

Communication electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, Blackberries) and other personal technology electronic devices (i.e. iPods, games) (herein referred to as electronic devices) are commonly used by many of our students and staff. These electronic devices have many advantages, but can distract and interfere with a respectful and safe learning / working environment. In an effort to model and promote appropriate social behavior with these electronic devices, students will be explained appropriate device etiquette and be expected to comply with these expectations.

- ❑ Electronic devices are to be used for school appropriate purposes. In class, electronic devices should only be used with the permission of the teacher and for reasons that will enhance their learning.
- ❑ Electronic recording devices (specifically cameras) must be turned off when in washrooms and change rooms during all school related activities. Privacy laws restrict the use of recording devices without a person's permission.

Adult supervisors are permitted to collect electronic devices to assist in enforcing the above clauses. Staff members supervising extra-curricular and co-curricular activities are permitted to have additional expectations regarding the use of electronic devices.

Students who bring electronic devices to school are responsible for their usage and security.

Consequences may include any of the following:

- ❑ Students will be asked to comply with the school expectations and put the device away.
- ❑ Students will be required to turn their electronic device in to the staff member. The electronic device will be returned at the end of the school day from the office.
- ❑ Students repeatedly violating the expectations may be restricted from bringing the electronic device to school for a period of time that will be determined by school administration.
- ❑ Students who are resistant to the enforcement of this policy may be subject to suspension.

Parents/guardians and student must sign that they have read and agree to this policy.

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