

Electronic Devices Policy

Technology continues to reshape our society. Over the past years electronic devices have made their way into the school community and into classrooms. With the increasing use of multifunctional electronic devices also comes the possibility of their misuse. From phone ringing in classrooms to text messaging among students, many distractions can be anticipated. They do offer educational opportunities, but they may be misused when not under teacher supervision.

In an effort to limit the use of electronic devices, the following guidelines will be followed:

1. No electronic devices* may be used, seen or heard on the school grounds. There are four possible exemptions requiring the permission of the Principal:
 - The classroom teacher has permission to permit these or similar devices on the basis that their use will improve the learning culture in the classroom.
 - The student has had a formal professional assessment that recommends the use of an electronic device during a classroom session as a specific strategy to improve the quality of the learning for this particular student.
 - An electronic device is used to privately listen to instructional media approved by the teacher.
 - The student has permission to use an electronic device in cases of emergency.
2. When a violation occurs, the device will be confiscated by staff and submitted to the main office. It will be placed in a sealed envelope clearly labelled as to ownership, date of the occurrence, and the staff member's name. The school office will notify parents that the device has been confiscated. The device will be returned to the student when 7 calendar days have elapsed.
3. Exceptions to the above can be arranged in advance by special request to the Principal.

** Such as but not limited to: laptop computers, cameras, cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, iTouch, Game Boys, Nintendo DS, etc.*