



Non-Instructional Use of Personal Electronic Devices at School and During Instructional Hours

Category	Health and Safety		
Subject	Non-Instructional Use of Personal Electronic Devices at School and During Instructional Hours		
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Policies Used / Referenced			

Policy Statement

This policy is intended to support the **Positive Learning and Working Environment Policy** (Policy 703) and the **Information and Communication Technologies Use** (Policy 311) by establishing expectations regarding the use of personal electronic devices that may:

- detract from school safety and crisis response;
- infringe on the privacy rights of individuals;
- contribute to bullying or harassment via inappropriate text messaging, inappropriate digital photos, inappropriate video or audio recordings;
- contribute to cheating in the classroom;
- contribute to inappropriate social interaction during instructional time that results in decreased learning opportunities for students; and
- facilitate illegal activity.

The use of personal electronic devices during the school day for non-instructional purposes can lead to disruptions in the learning and teaching environment. Anglophone South School District believes that maintaining a safe and positive learning environment is a priority and the misuse of personal electronic equipment specifically during instructional hours can disrupt the learning environment of the classroom.

This policy applies to all students, staff, volunteers and community workers in Anglophone South School District. Please refer to Appendix A for ASD-S Inappropriate Use of Technology procedures.

Definitions

Personal Electronic Devices refers to cell phones, smart phones, iphones, blackberries, ipads, ipods, hand held video games, digital cameras or other such electronic devices. This policy will also reflect new technologies as well.

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The hours of instruction during the school day refers to the time defined in Article 18 of the *Agreement Between Board of Management and the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation*.

Procedures

1. All students, parents/guardians, staff and volunteers will be made aware of this policy at the beginning of each school year.
2. Teachers and students who choose to take these items to school are responsible for their safekeeping and responsible use in a school environment.
3. The non-instructional use of electronic devices will be subject to discipline and consequences as determined by the school. This includes the capture of unsolicited images, audio or video recording not related to school activity, and posting such items on the Internet without permission.
4. A student may utilize a personal electronic device for academic purposes during instructional time, only if authorized by the teacher.
5. Each school will follow a consistent approach regarding further definition and the consequences for not following policies that support a positive learning environment.
6. A student right of ownership does not constitute unlimited usage during school hours.
7. All employees will restrict usage of personal devices during the instructional day.

Reference

- Department of Education Policy 311: Information and Communication Technologies Use
- Department of Education Policy 703: Positive Learning and Working Environment
- Agreement Between Board of Management and the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation
- Department of Education Policy 701: Policy for the Protection of Pupils

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Appendix A

ASD-S

Inappropriate Use of Technology Procedures

This procedure is developed to direct teachers, guidance counselors and administration on procedures to follow in the case of cyber bullying and or cyber threats within Anglophone South School District.

