

ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

Acceptable use of Electronic Devices by Students

Preamble: Technology is an integral resource in the delivery of educational programming and in the operations of the school. However, non-educational electronic devices are detrimental to the teaching and learning environment because they interrupt instruction and learning; compromise the privacy of individuals; may be used to store, retrieve and access information during exams; and, add to the administrative workload of school personnel. The school recognizes that there is a need to limit student use of such devices. Technology should not be disruptive to the teaching and learning environment.

Definitions: A sample list of such devices includes but is not limited to: iPods, MP3 Players, cell phones, cameras (video, picture), portable game stations, laptops, earphones, blackberries.

Policy Statement:

1. Technology can only be used during class time if its use is planned, supervised and supports the achievement of provincial curriculum outcomes.
2. At a minimum, cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices shall be required to be turned off and kept out of sight during instructional time, except with the explicit permission of school personnel.
3. Portable electronic devices shall not be permitted in rooms where exams are being written, except with the explicit permission of the school administration.
4. Camera functions on cell phones and other devices are not permitted to be used on school grounds, school buses, and/or school functions outside of school, except with the explicit permission of school personnel.
5. Exceptions to this policy may be approved by the school administration for students who require specific devices as per their individual educational plan.
6. School personnel are delegated the authority to confiscate electronic devices from students as determined necessary for the effective functioning of the school, and to have such devices placed in the office for retrieval at a later time by either the student and/or the parent/guardian.
7. Eric G. Lambert School is not responsible for personal electronic devices that are misused, damaged or go missing at school.

Consequences (for failure to comply with the above policy):

Infractions on student use of electronic devices shall be addressed through the school's disciplinary process as currently outlined in the school's discipline policy, most notably consequences for disrupting the teaching/learning environment.