

AP 146 – USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDS)

Background

The Division recognizes the openness to new and future technologies, and their educated use to create opportunities for many constructive and positive uses that can aid the instructional process. Further, regulated use of some personal electronic devices in the school and community may contribute to the safety and security of students and staff. However, unregulated use of such devices may pose a risk to personal safety; may disrupt instruction; may invade personal privacy and may compromise academic integrity.

Procedures

Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) may be operated during regularly scheduled instructional time with teacher authorization.

- 1.1 PEDs may only be operated during school events with the permission of the classroom teacher.
- 1.2 Teachers will set procedures on the use of PED's during instructional time.
- 1.3 PEDs will remain in silent mode during instructional and school sponsored activities.
- 1.4 PEDs are not taken into test or examination settings unless students have been given permission to do so by the teacher administering the test or exam.
- 1.5 PEDs are not to be used in settings such as change rooms, washrooms, private counseling rooms, that have the potential to violate a person's reasonable expectation of privacy.
- 1.6 Students who bring PEDs to the school are expected to comply with all parts of Administrative Procedure 350 – Student Conduct. Students who consistently refuse to comply with the Division's procedures for use of PEDs in the school setting may be subject to disciplinary measures detailed in the school's rules, as well as the steps outlined in Administrative Procedure 352 – Student Discipline.
- 1.7 In the event of an emergency such as a lockdown or evacuation, the Principal will develop and inform the school community of the acceptable use of PEDs in that emergency situation.
- 1.8 PEDs are valuable electronic devices. The security and storage of these items is the sole responsibility of the owner/user. The Division assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of PEDs.

Reference: Sections 85, 87, 108, 109, 175 Education Act