

ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION POLICY

Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs)

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Technology has changed the educational environment in many positive ways. Personal electronic devices (PEDs) are becoming commonplace. They allow users to access information anytime, anywhere and to communicate spontaneously with everyone.

The use of PEDs must respect privacy, safety and academic integrity in our schools. All schools in Rolling River School Division will incorporate the following procedures and guidelines into their School Code of Conduct.

Electronic Devices

Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) include:

- a device that can be or is used for communication (eg: cell phone, pager)
- a device that can be used to record images and or audio (eg: video camera, cell phone)
- a device designed to only play audio, video (eg: I Pod, MP3 player and I Touch)
- other forms of technology with image taking, eavesdropping/listening and communication capabilities
- emerging technologies

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General Guidelines for Acceptable Use

- a) All staff and students who bring a PED to school or to a school sponsored activity will comply with the requirements of this policy.
- b) The secure storage of PEDs is the responsibility of the owner/user. The school accepts no responsibility for damage or theft.
- c) Using a PED in a manner which violates a person's reasonable expectation of privacy is strictly prohibited.
- d) Students are responsible for the content of their PEDs.
- e) A school administration who suspects that a PED is being used inappropriately or is in violation of the School Code of Conduct may search the device.

Use of PEDs (including text messaging)

- a) Cell phones or other PED's may be used during instructional time as a teaching/learning tool, at the discretion of the classroom teacher.
- b) Cell phone use for personal use may only be used outside of classroom time.
- c) Cell phones may not be taken into examinations rooms.
- d) Devices must not be used to access or display inappropriate material and/or software.
- e) Unacceptable use of PEDs may include but not limit to the following:
 - taking photos / video / audio without permission
 - bullying others
 - harassing
 - cheating
 - facilitating the commission of a crime

Inappropriate use of PEDs may result in confiscation and further consequences which may include referral to appropriate authority(s).

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