



NON-INSTRUCTIONAL USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL AND DURING INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS

Category: Health and Safety

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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 environment. Anglophone West 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 West School District.

Definitions

Personal Electronic Devices refers to cell phones, digital cameras or other such electronic devices.

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.



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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.

Reference

- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development [Policy 311: Information and Communication Technologies Use](#)
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development [Policy 701: Policy for the Protection of Pupils](#)
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development [Policy 703: Positive Learning and Working Environment](#)
- Agreement Between Board of Management and the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation