

COMMUNICATION DEVICES / PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Beautiful Plains School Division recognizes the value of communication devices and personal electronic devices to students, families and schools. We are aware of the role our schools play in modelling their appropriate use. We also recognize that the educational integrity of the school, privacy of others and safety during school emergencies must be protected at all times. Therefore, the following conditions will apply to the use of communication devices and personal electronic devices.

1. All electronic devices must be turned off and put away when the students arrive at the school unless school policy indicates otherwise. These devices may only be activated or used in school during class time when designated by a staff member for educational purposes under direct supervision. Use of electronic communication devices outside of regular class time will be determined by the school's policy. It is also the expectation that during instructional periods all staff will only utilize their personal devices for educational purposes.
2. Use of communication devices or personal electronic devices to bully, harass, cheat, or cause damage to someone's character will not be tolerated and disciplinary measures will be taken. If any use is deemed to be inappropriate the communication device may be confiscated.
3. At no time can camera, video camera or recorder functions be in such a way that could cause harm or be deemed inappropriate.
4. The school division assumes no responsibility in any circumstances for the loss, destruction, or theft of any electronic device brought to school or to any school related event by a student.
5. It is the belief of the division that staff members and students that have communication devices that are the property of the division are deemed to have a need for the device to be utilized to conduct business in the school setting.

School officials, including classroom teachers, may confiscate any electronic device if there is suspicion that school rules or divisional policies are being violated. School administration may search devices if there is suspicion that school rules or divisional policies are being violated. The consequences for violation of this policy will be in accordance with the school discipline policy.

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