

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES/ CELL PHONES

Manitoba Education requires enhanced guidelines for personal electronic devices. Beautiful Plains School Division is aware of the role our schools play in modelling their appropriate use. To protect the educational integrity of the school, privacy of others and safety during school emergencies. Our staff members are expected to model appropriate technology use and cell phone etiquette. The following conditions will apply to the use of personal electronic devices and cell phones with appropriate exceptions to support student medical and diverse learning needs:

1. Kindergarten to Grade 8 students are banned from using cell phones and personal electronic devices during school hours, inclusive of breaks and lunch.
2. Grade 9 to 12 students are banned from cell phone and personal electronic device use during class time and may be permitted to use cell phones during break times/lunch as well as for educational purposes, when directed by classroom teachers.
3. 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.
4. At no time can camera, video camera or recorder functions be used in such a way that could cause harm or be deemed inappropriate.
5. 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.
6. It is the belief of the division that staff members 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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