

Blue River Personal Digital Devices Guidelines/Expectations

Background

In keeping with the School District 73, District's student code of conduct ([Administrative Procedure 350](#)) and to include the following language as required by [Ministerial Order M89](#) all students at Blue River Elementary School are expected to adhere to the following guidelines with regards to personal digital devices. Please note, a personal digital device is any form of technology that a student brings from home including but not limited to cell phone, iPad, iPod, laptop, Chromebook, tablet, smart watch.

Blue River Elementary School's personal digital devices expectations/policy is guided by the above language and has been developed in consultation with **staff and parents** to promote online safety and focused learning environments for all students. In addition, there is no need for students to rely on using their personal digital devices as an instructional tool.

All students at Blue River Elementary School are expected to adhere to the following guidelines with regards to personal digital devices.

It is expected that all students:

During instructional time (learning environments):

- Will keep their personal digital devices turned off and in their lockers during school hours, if they need to bring them to school.
- Understand that Blue River Elementary accepts no responsibility for the theft or damage that may occur if a personal digital device is brought to school for out of school purposes
 - Students, if bringing a device need to keep them in their lockers/backpacks

During non-instructional time (before and after school, breaks)

- Will not use their personal digital device anytime during school hours or before/after school field trips. Field trips are learning environments and the school bus is considered an extension of the classroom. (*Refer to AP 351 Student Code of Conduct on Buses*)

In individually unique cases, students are permitted to use personal digital devices at all times:

- When the student requires the use of their personal digital device to support their medical needs as outlined in their Competency Based Individual Education Plan or confirmed by their physician.
- When the student requires the use of their personal digital device to support their accessibility and instructional accommodation needs as outlined in their Competency Based Individual Education Plan, their Service Plan or their Annual Instruction Plan.

Student behaviour that contravenes these guidelines will be addressed using [Administrative Procedure 350: Student Code of Conduct](#) and [Administrative Procedure 355: Student Discipline](#).

