

Barriere Secondary School Personal Digital Device Usage Guidelines

In accordance and in support of the Province of British Columbia's Ministerial Order [Ministerial Order M89](#) which requires schools to revise their Student Code of Conduct to:

Comply with restrictions on personal digital device use at school to promote online safety and focused learning environments by demonstrating:

- *use of personal digital devices for instructional purposes and digital literacy development;*
- *use of personal digital devices that is appropriate to a student's age and developmental stage;*
- *use personal digital devices for accessibility and accommodation needs, including medical and health needs;*
- *use personal digital devices to support equitable access to learning outcomes.*

and aligning with the SD73 Administrative Procedures [145 USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES](#) and [350 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT](#) the following policy will be in effect regarding personal devices.

Context and Core Beliefs

At Barriere Secondary School we believe that the foundations of a safe, caring, and welcoming school environment are fostered and maintained through a focus on inclusivity and equity-focused education implemented and supported through a progressive continuum of supports and discipline.

Student Expectations

Students at Barriere Secondary will:

- Secure, power off, and store personal digital devices during instructional time, both inside and outside the classroom, unless otherwise directed by school staff.
 - If directed by staff to use personal digital devices during instructional time, will only use for instructional purposes and digital literacy development;
- Follow the direction of staff regarding expectations for the use of personal digital devices during non-instructional time;
- Ensure personal digital devices are not used in areas where privacy is expected, such as restrooms and change rooms;
- In specific and individually unique cases approved by the school principal, be permitted to use personal digital devices to support accessibility, accommodations, medical and health needs;
- Take precautions to ensure online safety, privacy, and security;
- Treat others with respect and kindness when using digital devices and district network services;
- Always use digital devices and district network services responsibly and with academic integrity.

We will ensure that all students have equitable and developmentally appropriate access to technology to meet curricular requirements. Students are not required to have their personal digital devices or cell phones at school. The use of personal digital devices, school technology, and district networks is a privilege. Staff may revoke a student's device access because of inappropriate student conduct. Violations of the school code of conduct will result in appropriate restorative processes or disciplinary actions in line with a progressive discipline continuum.