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David Thompson Elementary School Personal Digital Device Policy and Expectations

At David Thompson Elementary, we realize that many of our students walk to school or take the bus and that they may use cell phones to communicate with parents before or after the school day. We wanted to take this time to remind students that cell phone use of any kind is not permitted while students are at school.

In keeping with the school district 73 administrative policy, AP 350.1 and the Ministry of Education's recent ministerial order M89, all students at David Thompson elementary are expected to adhere to the following guidelines with regards to Personal digital devices.

A personal digital device is any form of technology that a student brings from home cell phone iPad, iPod, laptop, Chromebook, tablet, smart watch etc).

It is expected that all students:

- Will not use their personal digital device to invade or infringe upon the personal privacy or safety of any member of the school community.
- Will keep their personal digital devices turned off and in their lockers during school hours (8:30 AM - 2:34 PM) unless given permission by their teacher for:
 - Instructional purposes and digital literacy development, led by their teacher:
 - Use that is appropriate to a student's age and developmental stage
 - Accessibility and accommodation needs, including medical and health needs
 - Supporting equitable access to learning outcomes
- Will keep their personal digital devices turned off and in their backpacks during all field trips and during sporting events both at our school and off-campus
- Understand that the school administration reserves the right to access all files and content on personal digital devices connected to district networks to check for inappropriate use.
- Administration reserves the right to confiscate any personal electronic device that is being misused. Parents/guardians will be informed and then parents/guardians will be able to pick up the device at the school office.
- Understand that SD73 and David Thompson elementary accepts no responsibility for the theft or damage that may occur if a personal digital device is brought to school.

These expectations are created to ensure the safety and privacy of each member of our school community. Should a child need the use of a phone during school time or if parents need to have a message conveyed to their child, the school office is available for both.