



## TWIN RIVERS EDUCATION CENTRE

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### Twin Rivers Education Centre Digital Device Policy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Twin Rivers Education Centre, we are dedicated to supporting learning opportunities that inspire all students to thrive in a trusting and caring environment. This year we will be implementing important restrictions regarding the use of personal digital devices, including cell phones, in alignment with the Ministerial Order - M89. By placing restrictions on personal device use, we are refocusing on learning during instructional time.

#### **M89/SD73 - Digital Device Restriction:**

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.

#### **What is Considered a Digital Device?**

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- Tablets
- Computers
- Earbuds/Headphones
- Music players
- Portable gaming devices

#### **School Restrictions on Digital Device**

- During Instructional time: Personal digital devices will not be permitted for use in the classroom other than for educational purposes and for music
- Staff will provide break opportunities that do not include digital devices

#### **What is considered instructional time?**

- Instructional time at Twin Rivers Education Centre is defined as class time (period 1,2,3,4,5)



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- Morning break, lunch break and class change are not considered instructional time.

### **Accommodation for Students**

Twin Rivers Education Centre is committed to meeting the needs of all students. Students requiring specific accommodations related to digital devices will be identified by our Learning Assistance Teacher, School Counsellor, or Administrator.

### **Non-Compliance**

Staff will remind students of this policy if students are on their phones during class. If a student does not follow the expectations, staff will let administration know, who will then follow up with the students and families as necessary.

We kindly ask that parents support this policy by having a conversation with their student about the Personal Digital Device Policy. The links below include resources that can support your conversation. Further to this, we are asking parents to refrain from contacting students during instructional time. In case of an emergency, please contact the school at 250-554-3438, and we will ensure your student is reached promptly.

### **Digital Device Information:**

- Personal Digital Device Restrictions Support Guide (PDF)
- CBC - Social Media Impacts on Teens (Nov 2023)
- <https://mediasmarts.ca/digital-media-literacy>