

POLICY MANUAL

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INTRODUCTION

The District School Board of Niagara recognizes the educational value of students utilizing electronic communication devices to enhance their learning through the responsible access to global information and communication. The Board further recognizes the critical role that parents play in educating their children on the appropriate use of electronic communication devices and in monitoring their use of these devices. This partnership of parents and schools is essential in achieving success in ensuring appropriate use of this ever changing technology.

Technology continues to evolve, providing consumers with an array of sophisticated and inexpensive tools. Electronic communication devices are now widely marketed to young people who bring them to school.

Electronic communication devices, while serving legitimate purposes, can also be used in an intrusive manner. The privacy, safety and dignity of others could be violated by the inappropriate use of audio and video recording devices. Communication devices also have the potential to be used to gain advantage through academic dishonesty or to interfere with the students' personal learning or the learning of others.

Electronic communication devices are disruptive if they are on in class, distracting the students' attention away from their primary focus, which is learning.

POLICY

The District School Board of Niagara recognizes that students may have in their possession personal electronic devices while at school or at school related activities. This policy governs the acceptable use of personal electronic communication devices by students while at school or at school related activities.

It is the policy of the District School Board of Niagara that cellular telephones, pagers, and similar types of communication devices owned and/or carried by students are to be turned off and are not to be used on school property, with the exception that school administrators shall designate one or more areas of the school property appropriate for the use of electronic communication devices provided it takes into account the provisions mentioned above.

With consideration to their restricted area, they are not to be used in private areas such as locker rooms and washrooms nor are they to be used where it interferes with the learning, privacy or safety of staff, students or others. School administrators shall include in the school organizer/agenda information on appropriate use of electronic communication devices.

Reference

- ▶ Administrative Procedure 5-17: Cell Phone Protocol For Use