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Safe and Healthy Schools Update: Personal Digital Devices

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING
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January 26th Announcement by BC Premier

The announcement includes three concrete actions to keep kids and young adults safe:

1. Restricting the use of cellphones in schools;
2. Launching services to remove images from the internet and pursue predators; and
3. Legislation to hold social media companies accountable for the harm they have caused.

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Amendment to Codes of Conduct Order

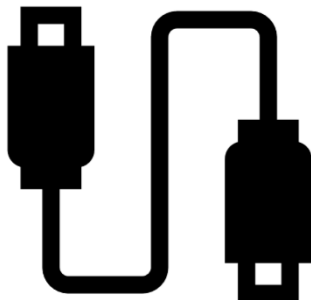


The Ministry of Education and Child Care has amended the *Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order* (the “Order”) to promote provincial consistency and to support boards of education in ensuring their schools have appropriate policies in place to restrict student personal digital device use. The amended Order will come into effect on July 1, 2024.

In this order, “**personal digital device**” means any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone, tablet, laptop, or smartwatch.

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Intention



Restrictions are being placed on the use of personal digital devices at school to:

- Promote online safety.
- Encourage focused learning environments.
- Support mental health.

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Important Considerations



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Schools must also allow exceptions for those with health, accommodation or equity needs.

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The Plan




All members of the school community are expected to leave personal digital devices at home, in their bag/backpack, and/or in their locker during instructional time. Allowances may be made by the staff for instructional purposes, digital literacy, appropriate use based on age and developmental stage, accommodations within a student’s Individualized Education Plan, accessibility, medical and health needs, and/or equitable support for learning outcomes.


Access to personal digital devices is restricted throughout the school day in grades K-7 and during instructional time in grades 8-12.

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Consultation Process








District Student Leadership Council
 Safe and Healthy Schools Committee
 Information & Communication
 Technology Department
 PACs
 School Planning Sessions
 Staff Meetings
 Student Council Meetings



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Implementation Timeline



 June 2024 District and school communication	 July–Aug. 2024 Resource Curation Student Acceptable Use of Technology Form will be adapted	 Aug.–Sep. 2024 District and school communication Review of school expectations with stakeholder groups	 Spring 2025 Annual Code of Conduct review Schools will share best-practice learnings on managing individual scenarios
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Moving Forward

