



June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Re: Personal Digital Devices for the 2024-2025 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Before we head off for the summer break, we wanted to highlight the [Superintendent's message on Personal Digital Devices for the 2024-2025 School Year](#), sent out on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

We are asking our parent, guardian, and caregiver community to please familiarize yourself with the [NVSD Community Agreement](#) which is a part of our amended Code of Conduct and includes the following statements restricting the use of personal digital devices (including cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, and earbuds) at school:

*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.*

We also want to remind families of the following:

- Argyle Secondary and the North Vancouver School District are not responsible for lost, missing, or damaged personal digital devices that students choose to bring to school.
- Personal Digital Devices should not be used during lock down procedures or drills.
- North Vancouver School District staff and students should not be recorded for any reason without their prior consent.

We will communicate out again before the beginning of the next school year with updated information and any additional details specific to our school and to the district more generally.

What parents/guardians can do to help:

- Read and understand the [NVSD Community Agreement](#) and Argyle's [Code of Conduct](#).
- Refrain from texting or calling your child during the school day.
  - If something is urgent, please call the Argyle office to connect with your child.



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- Learn more about the impacts of social media on mental health.
- Discuss and set up healthy habits at home so students can come to school ready to learn.

We recognize that this will be a big shift for many of our students, our staff, and our community, but we are excited to see the positive impact on student mental health, on online safety, and on engagement in learning. We appreciate your ongoing support as we navigate this new chapter of digital awareness.

Thank you for your continued support,

Argyle Administration