



PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

Consistent with direction from Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning on cell phone use in schools, Sunrise School Division's Personal Digital Device procedure aims to create an optimal educational environment with reduced distractions to maximize student learning and educational interactions.

Student Expectations

Kindergarten to Grade 8 students may not use personal digital devices during school hours inclusive of breaks and lunch. When at school personal digital devices must be turned off and stored out of view.

Grade 9 to 12 students may not use personal digital devices during class time. During class time personal digital devices must be turned off and stored out of view.

Students are responsible for their personal digital devices, how they use it, the safety and security of the device, and the consequences of inappropriate use. When students use a personal digital device outside of the above expectations (or exceptions identified below) they may be asked to surrender the device.

Students and guardians will be expected to sign the Sunrise School Division IJNDC-E Technology Acceptable Use Agreement.

Exceptions to Personal Digital Device Restrictions

When directed by a teacher Grade 9 to 12 students may use a personal digital device for educational purposes.

As part of a Student Specific Plan, a personal digital device may be used to monitor a health condition.

As part of a Student Specific Plan, a personal digital device may be used to support exceptional learning needs.



Staff Expectations

School staff will reinforce these expectations by modelling behaviour and not using personal digital devices during class for non-work-related reasons. This will help staff maximize their opportunity for engagement with students.

Definitions

A Personal Digital Device means any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet.

For the purpose of this procedure school hours begin when a student comes onto the property at the start of the school day and end when the student exits the property at the end of the school day.

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