



PINANTAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Personal Digital Devices Guidelines/Expectations

Background

As of July 1, 2024, the Kamloops-Thompson School District is revising the District's student code of conduct ([Administrative Procedure 350](#)) to include the following language as required by [Ministerial Order M89](#):

Comply with restrictions on personal digital device (cell phones, smart watches, etc.) 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.**

Pinantan Elementary School's personal digital devices guidelines & expectations are guided by the above language and have been developed with **staff and parents/caregivers feedback (survey from June 2024)** to promote online safety and focused learning environments for all students. In addition, there is no need for students to rely on using their personal digital devices as an instructional tool.

To ensure we adhere to School District 73's Updated Student Code of Conduct, Pinantan Elementary will require students who bring digital devices to school to have them kept in their lockers (or a mutually agreed upon space with their classroom teacher) between the hours of 8:30 - 2:39. Should students require the use of a phone to get in touch with their families, they will be instructed to use the office phone.

Expectations

In individually unique cases, students are permitted to use personal digital devices at all times:

When the student requires the use of their personal digital device to support their medical needs as outlined in their Competency Based Individual Education Plan or confirmed by their physician.

When the student requires the use of their personal digital device to support their accessibility and instructional accommodation needs as outlined in their Competency Based Individual Education Plan, their Service Plan or their Annual Instruction Plan.



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During Instructional Time (Learning Environments):

Student use of personal digital devices will not be permitted unless approved for use by **staff in conjunction with a learning activity**. Students are encouraged to not bring personal electronic devices to school.

During Non-Instructional Time (Before & After School, Breaks)

Student use of personal digital devices is discouraged on school district property before & after school. Use is not permitted during breaks (recess & lunch). Any use of personal digital devices must comply with [Administrative Procedure 145: Use of Personal Electronic Devices](#).

Student behaviour that contravenes these guidelines will be addressed using [Administrative Procedure 350: Student Code of Conduct](#) and [Administrative Procedure 355: Student Discipline](#).

In the spirit of complete transparency and a desire to work with our community, discipline for our Pinantan Personal Digital Device Guidelines & Expectations will be structured around a progressive response system. It is designed to promote responsible personal digital device use and minimize disruptions during instructional time.