

École Mountain View School Electronics Use at School Policy

Background:

Inappropriate use of personal electronic devices can interfere with an individual's right of privacy, a student's right to a safe and caring environment and the teaching and learning process within our school. Items including, but not limited to, cell phones, cell phone cameras, iPods, pose the potential for the disruption of the learning environment. Students have access to telephones within the school for emergency purposes and therefore do not need access to a cell phone during school hours. As a school, we wish to provide students with opportunities to utilize electronic devices in a safe and appropriate fashion.

Procedures:

1. Student use of personal electronic devices at school is only permissible under teacher direction for instructional purposes only.
 - a. Teachers will provide written notice to parents when electronic devices will be used in class.
 - b. Notification to parents will include the educational purpose for incorporating the electronic device.
 - c. Teachers will provide alternate options for students that do not have access to the electronic device needed for the class activity.
2. If parents desire that their child has a cell phone for safety purposes on the way to and from school, the cell phone is to be stored either in their locker or at the school office during the school day.
3. Students possessing or using electronic devices other than for items 1 & 2 will have the device confiscated by school staff and then stored at the school office.
 - a. For the first incident, the student will be able to pick the device up from the school office at the end of the day.
 - b. In the event of a second incident, the student will be able to pick the device up from the school office at the end of the school week, parents will be notified.
 - c. With third and subsequent incidents, a parent will be required to pick the device up from the school office.
4. Electronic devices include cell phones and any items that have the capability to capture or display digital images.

(student name)

(student signature)

(date)

(parent name)

(parent signature)

(date)

References:

Section 20 Alberta School Act

Part 2 Protection of Privacy FOIP Act

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