

Mountview's Guidelines for Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices

Teaching and modeling the appropriate use of technology are the most effective methods of helping students to understand both the positive and negative impacts of technology.

Personal Electronic Devices Policy 2009

With the arrival of wireless technology at Mountview School, comes our ability to make use of devices such as iPods and iPads to support learning. The use of technology is motivating, exciting and very timely as this type of communication is pervasive in our society. Part of students' learning needs to include the demonstration of responsible, respectful use of these kinds of devices. All students and staff have the right to a respectful environment at school. This understanding of appropriate use is a life skill which can have a positive or negative impact on students' lives depending on use. With that in mind, all staff, students and volunteers shall use the following guidelines with respect to PEDs:

- all devices need to be kept in students' desks or lockers until needed during instruction or at the appropriate time during nutrition break
- all devices cannot be used during the eating part of Nutrition Break, but only during the outdoor part or during indoor activity time on days students cannot go outside
- PEDs must not be used by lunchroom helpers at any time as they are to help the younger children
- ear buds must be used when listening to music or when playing games which incorporate sounds
- PEDs should not be taken into the gym
- PEDs shall not be taken into the washroom at any time
- no photos may be taken unless as part of teacher supervised learning
- photographs of students may be taken only with the written consent of parents/guardians
- all communication between home and school regarding absences, early excusals etc. must come through the office or the agenda
- all cell phones are to be placed on silent and not used in instructional areas

Texting in our society is a very common, expedient method of communication. The use of text messages can be viewed in the context of moderation and urgency in the learning environment. Staff will use their professional judgment if students are sending text messages.

As per the PED Policy, students bring personal electronic devices to school at their own risk. The secure storage of personal electronic devices is the sole responsibility of the owner/user. Anyone carrying a device to school, including on the buses, will comply with the above guidelines.

