



Franklin Road Elementary School

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Cell Phones and Other Personal Devices at School 2022-23

Dear Franklin Road Families,

Personal devices have become an important part of our everyday lives and we recognise their many valuable uses. Unfortunately, at school they are often a distraction or used inappropriately. At Franklin Road we would like to establish expectations that focus on learning and support appropriate use.

As we start a new school year, there are a few reminders about personal devices at school.

- Our device policy is based on the Ministry of Education's 2019 Device Policy. See the [link](#) for more information.
- The school is not responsible for broken, lost, or stolen devices. Students who bring devices to school do so at their own risk.
- Bringing a device from home is not required. Students will have access to school iPads when needed for instructional purposes.
- For privacy, students may not take photos or videos of themselves, other students, friends or staff on their own devices at school. There will be times where school devices may be used to take photos with teacher supervision for class work, slide shows, or school celebrations etc.
- During the day, personal devices should be turned off and in lockers, backpacks or pockets. There may be times a teacher may permit the use of a personal device for instructional purposes. The use of the device in class for learning is at the teacher's discretion.
- During the school day our focus is on learning. Students should not be texting or phoning from their personal devices during the school day. This includes through social media apps such as Snap Chat, Discourse etc. When needed, students have access to a student phone in the office. Families are encouraged to call the office if they need to contact their child or want to pass along a message.
- All students are expected to follow our Device Policy and incidents that are persistent or serious will be subject to progressive discipline.

We truly thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Del Mastro (Principal)
Mr. Efthimiadis (Vice Principal)