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PSC Technology Policy

At Ponoka Secondary Campus we recognize technology is increasing and ever changing. When technology is used appropriately it can be a valuable educational tool. However, when used inappropriately phones and social media create significant distractions and research shows more and more of our youth are addicted to phones and social media. This has led to increased distractions, cyber bullying and lack of focus on curriculum. Parents who wish to have more information on the impact of cell phones on youth are encouraged to read "iGen: Why Today's Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less ..." A Book by Jean Twenge, or one of several articles available of the web.

As a result, PSC has implemented the following Technology policy.

Students may NOT use personal technology during instructional time.

This includes using cell phones, ipods, laptops, or any other device that will distract them from classroom instruction. Students are allowed their tech devices before classes start, on breaks and at lunch. During instructional time, including spares and WIN/Literacy time, they are to put their devices away.

Staff may approve the devices for educational purposes. This would be an **exception to the rule** and is in place to allow teachers and students to use the technology appropriately.

Any student who is caught using their tech devices during instructional time or in an instructional space will have it confiscated until the end of class for a first offence by the staff member. For a second offence, the device will be confiscated, turned into administration and the student may then pick their device up from the office at 3:25 pm from an administrator. An information handout will be provided for the parent.

For a third offence, students are required to have a parent come and pick up the device for them.

Subsequent offences will result in further consequences such as increased phone confiscations, in school or out of school suspensions and further withdrawal of privileges.

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