



Department: Superintendent of Schools
Section: System Administration

The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board recognizes that personal digital devices are routinely used by students. The Board also recognizes that personal digital devices can be used effectively to support learning. However, unacceptable use of personal digital devices, video/image recording and communication features can be disruptive to various school routines, and video/image recording and communication features can be used inappropriately. Although the Board does not wish to ban the use of personal digital devices, it does wish to restrict their use in schools for appropriate purposes and to certain times and locations.

Specifically

- Personal digital devices may not be used in any instructional areas during the school day, except under the supervision of and with the permission of the teacher in that instructional area.
- Personal digital devices may not be used at any time where individual privacy must be protected, such as in washrooms or change rooms.
- Personal digital devices may be used by students during non-instructional time in areas of the school where students are allowed to congregate if school policy allows such use.
- A school may decide, by school policy, to prohibit the use of any personal digital devices that have video/image recording and communication features.
- If the video/image recording feature of a personal digital device is used in such a way as to show disrespect for another's privacy or if the communication feature is used without permission during a test or examination, these actions will be considered to fall under the category of an "unacceptable behaviour" as outlined in the *Nova Scotia's Provincial School Code of Conduct Policy*.
- Users that connect a personal digital device to the school network are governed by the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's *Public School Network Access and Use Policy*.

Monitoring

- The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the implementation, monitoring and revision of this policy.
- This policy will be monitored annually.

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Ref: AP 101.4, DEECD Public School Network Access and Use Policy, Nova Scotia's Provincial School Code of Conduct Policy

Monitoring Date: Annually

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