



## **Frequently Asked Questions about Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**

### **Can I contact my child through their device?**

- The student's device is a learning tool at school *not* a communication school
- We ask that families continue to contact the office to share information with their child

### **Where will students store their own devices?**

- Each student may lock his/her own device in their locker
- New, easier locks will be available for purchase through the school
- Teachers will prompt the students when and where to safely store their device

### **What is digital citizenship?**

- Is a confident and skilled user of using technology appropriately
- Uses technology to participate in educational and cultural activities
- Uses technology to communicate to others in positive and meaningful way
- Respects the concepts of privacy and freedom of speech
- Willingly promotes and contributes the values of citizenship
- Demonstrate honesty and ethical behaviour in their daily lives

### **How much time is my son/daughter spending on their device during school time?**

- Students can use their devices as an optional tool to enhance and support curriculum based learning
- Students will be given direction and guidance to distinguish appropriate opportunities for when to use devices.
- Students will have device free non-instructional time (recess, lunch, nutrition break, busing on field trips)
- Teachers will give students opportunities to use devices for educationally sound programs and websites during class time

**Can my child listen to music at school?**

- At times staff will allow students to listen to appropriate music on their device
- Music must be on the student's device and not streamed as this affects our internet and is difficult to sensor

**What are the consequences for using technology inappropriately?**

- Use of social media (i.e. Twitter, Instagram) will *not* be allowed on school grounds unless asked to do so by teacher
- Misuse of device may lead to the device being taken away for a period of time and depending on severity lose the privilege of using the device and network access may be suspended

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