

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

1. Rationale

Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) supports the use of personal mobile devices (PMDs) at school under the direction of teachers to engage students and enhance learning experiences.

2. Definitions

Personal mobile devices include, but are not limited to:

- cell phones (including smart phones);
- video capture devices and cameras;
- iPods and other audio/video players;
- personal gaming systems;
- laptop computers, including tablets (iPad etc.); and
- emerging technologies.

3. Guidelines

3.1 Use of Technology

Technology continues to change the world in which we live in many positive ways. Lakehead District School Board recognizes the benefits of the use of technology such as:

- 3.1.1 promoting adaptive and constructive uses of technology by students and staff in support of learning;
- 3.1.2 supporting openness to, and the educated use of, new and future technologies;
- 3.1.3 improving instruction through purposeful use of PMDs that contributes to teaching and learning; and
- 3.1.4 supporting individual learning plans for some students for whom they are a requirement in their Individual Education Plan (IEP).

3.2 Learning and Teaching Environments in Schools

The use of some technology has also brought challenges related to safety, privacy, and disruption in schools. Lakehead District School Board supports the use of PMDs at school to engage students and enhance learning experiences, to ensure the health and safety of students or to support special education needs. Lakehead District School Board will allow students to bring their own PMDs to school, provided they adhere to the following expectations:

- 3.2.1 students are not required to provide personal communication and/or computing devices for educational purposes;
- 3.2.2 Lakehead District School Board will ensure that all students have equitable access to all required technologies;
- 3.2.3 personal mobile devices must be off/in silent mode, in a provided lock box or other secure area when in instructional areas unless otherwise directed by the teacher/supervisor;
- 3.2.4 unless approved by department chairs, PMDs are not allowed in examination rooms or areas;

- 3.2.5 the use of personal mobile devices is subject to the expectations in LDSB policies and procedures such as: 8070 Safe Schools - System Expectations, 3096 Information/Communication Technology Use, and 8071 Bullying Prevention and Intervention; and
 - 3.2.6 principals have the authority to restrict the use of PMDs in schools. Inappropriate use of PMD's will be governed by the school and LDSB Codes of Conduct.
- 3.3 Responsibility for Personal Mobile Devices
- 3.3.1 students carrying a PMD on Board premises, including school buses or at LDSB sponsored events, will comply with all of the requirements of this policy and procedures;
 - 3.3.2 Lakehead District School Board does not accept responsibility for lost or stolen PMDs or data residing on those devices. Students bring the devices to school at their own risk;
 - 3.3.3 to ensure equitable access, schools will provide devices for teachers to sign out for students use;
 - 3.3.4 the electronic transmission or posting of photographic, video or audio images or sounds of a person or persons on school property, at school events, and during school activities, is prohibited without the express permission of the person or persons being photographed, their parent/guardian, and/or the principal or designate. The Authorization to Release Photographic Image form must be completed; and
 - 3.3.5 the student and parent/guardian will be required to sign an annual declaration outlining the student responsibility for PMDs.



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Technology has changed the educational environment in many positive ways, and we are embracing those changes here at Name of School. However, these technologies also bring new challenges to maintaining a safe, caring, and orderly learning environment, one that maximizes the benefits while minimizing the negative impact of technology.

Mobile Devices

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- cell phones;
- video capture devices and cameras;
- iPods and other audio/video players;
- personal gaming systems;
- laptop computers, including tablets (iPad, etc.); and
- emerging technologies.

The Learning Environment

Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) supports the use of PMDs at school to engage students and enhance learning experiences. We will be allowing students to bring their own PMDs to school, provided they adhere to the expectations outlined in this policy:

- personal mobile devices must be in silent mode, in instructional areas during the instructional periods;
- devices are not to be used in the classroom setting without express permission by the classroom teacher;
- the use of PMDs should reflect the expectations in LDSB, e.g., Code of Conduct, Character Education including Policies 8070 Safe Schools System Expectations, 3096 Information/Communication Technology Use and 8071 Bullying Prevention and Intervention; and
- principals have the authority to restrict the use of PMDs in schools. Inappropriate use of PMDs will be governed by the school and LDSB Codes of Conduct.

Responsibility for Personal Mobile Devices

- all students bringing PMDs to school will adhere to the requirements of this policy;
- Lakehead District School Board does not accept responsibility for lost or stolen PMDs; students bring the devices to school at their own risk;
- the school will provide devices for teachers to sign out for student use during appropriate lessons - students are NOT REQUIRED to provide their own device, but may do so if they wish;
- the electronic transmission or posting of photographic, video or audio images or sounds of a person or persons on school property, at school events, and during school activities, is prohibited without the express permission of the person or persons being photographed, their parent/guardian and/or the principal or designate. The Authorized to Release Photographic Image form must be completed; and
- the principal may authorize permission to use these devices on certain occasions, e.g., to photograph or video a sporting event.

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I hereby grant permission for my child _____ to bring their PMD to school. We have discussed this policy and they have agreed to adhere to the expectations outlined within.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Signature

Date

Date