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**SD#19 Policy**

# **DIGITAL DEVICES**

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ASSEMBLY

**March 2025**

RSS

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# SOMETHING TO CONSIDER: A NEW WAY OF THINKING



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# THE WHAT

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# TIMELINE: HOW WE GOT HERE

- **February 2024: Minister of Education's order on digital devices**
  - **Spring 2024: SD19 surveys sent to students, parents and staff**
  - **September- October 2024: public meetings and school board policy development**
  - **November 2024: Student and staff consultation meetings**
  - **January 2025: School Board policy created**
  - **February 2025: Superintendent consultation on how to make it work**
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# THE POLICY

- **Devices are not to be used during instructional time, including breaks between classes**
  - **Students may use devices in designated areas before school, during lunch and after school**
  - **The administration will designate device free areas during lunch**
  - **There are exceptions for tech that supports medical and inclusion**
  - **RSS is required to have escalating consequences**
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# THE WHY

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- **Correlation between mental health concerns and smart phone use**
  - **Increase in cyber bullying, especially among females**
  - **Impairs cognitive functions-ex impact on memory and learning**

- **Unhealthy social comparisons**
  - **Reduces healthy behaviors such as: **sleep**, **exercise** and **interpersonal** interactions**
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# THE HOW

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# DAY TO DAY CHANGES

- **Phones away and off @ 8:40 (locker)**
  - **No phone use at school during class time or at breaks**
  - **Phones CAN be used at lunch**
  - **Phones away in lockers and off @ 12:20 until 3:10**
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**WHAT WE ARE DOING  
WELL**

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- **Increased awareness of your own health and well-being**
  - **Awareness of phone addiction**
  - **Understanding the importance of sport, fine arts, culture and face to face social interactions**

- **Learning about Digital Media literacy and critically analyzing the impact of algorithms, and use of personal data**

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**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN**

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- **Verbal warning and/or taken away**
  - **Taken for the day**
  - **Phone gone for the next day as well/phone parent**

- **Further instances = phone in office for multiple school days (or stays at home) + a learning package at lunch**
  - **Parent/student/admin meeting**
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