



Use of Personal Electronics

The District School Board of Niagara has Policies (D-1, G-16 and E-16) that support the appropriate use of personal electronics in the classroom.

Responsible Use of Personal Electronics Expectations

- a) If the device is to be present in the classroom the purpose is solely educational and with teacher's permission.
- b) The use of this device must not interfere with *anyone's* learning.
- c) To protect the privacy and safety of students and staff, personal electronics CANNOT be used to take photographs or videotape, unless under the direct supervision of a teacher for academic purposes.
- d) Students should not be using their personal phones to call/text without teacher knowledge.
- e) Students must have permission to use electronics during other times of the day.
- f) Devices are never to be used in private areas such as change rooms and washrooms.
- g) When devices are not in use, they must go into the backpack turned off.

Students who choose to bring such a device to school do so at their own risk and must accept responsibility for its care. Senator Gibson Public School and staff will not be held responsible for damage, loss or theft. We strongly recommend that if your student is bringing a device to school that he/she has a lock for the zipper on the backpack to protect his/her belongings.

Students who do not follow the above guidelines will be subject to the following consequences:

- i. First time – device will be stored with the teacher for the day. The student must meet with the teacher to retrieve their device after school.
- ii. Second time – device will be stored in the principal/vice-principal's office for the day. The student must speak with the principal or vice-principal to retrieve their device after school. Parents will be informed that this is the second time the expectations have been breached.
- iii. Third time – device will be stored in the principal/vice-principal's office for the day. Parents will be notified and the student will not be permitted to bring the device back to the school until further notice.

Please review with your child, sign and return the attachment below.

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I have read and discussed the **Responsible Use of Personal Electronics Expectations** with my son/daughter and understand the responsibility my child has if personal electronic devices are brought to school and the consequences if the expectations are not met.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____