

PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

As a part of our commitment to 21st century learning, teachers may invite students to bring their own personal technology devices to our school to enhance their learning. These devices enable students to access opportunities and information. The school also has a bank of desktops in our library and number of laptops and tablets available for student access. Each year, with registration, students and parents sign an Acceptable Use Policy regarding technology. Linden Meadows School has a wireless system in addition to the Pembina Trails secure site. Students each have their own user name, email, and a large amount of virtual storage space.

With school and personal devices, students have access to the internet using Linden Meadow's wireless network. Teachers will inform students which lessons are conducive for students to use their personal technology and will govern how these devices are to be used. Students invested in learning tasks that do not require personal devices are expected to keep these devices properly stored at all times.

Personal technology devices are not to be used during lunch, recess, before or after school, or in hallways moving between classes. Using a personal technology device to photograph people without prior permission is strictly prohibited.

Students using personal devices for tasks unrelated to current lesson and instructional goals will be asked to store their devices. If continued use prevails, the teacher may ask for the student's device and return at the end of the class or the day. Examples of off-task behaviours include texting and using social media for personal use.

In the case of an emergency, parents may contact the school. A student taking parent calls during classes is inappropriate and disruptive to teaching and learning. Should a student participate in using their personal technology inappropriately and/or against acceptable use, the device will be confiscated and a parent will be called and asked to pick up the device at their convenience.

Divisional Policy JICJ (excerpts)

With prior permission of the teacher and/or school administrator electronic communication devices can be used for educational purposes. At no time may the camera function be used without prior permission from school staff. School officials, including teachers, may confiscate and search electronic communication devices if there is suspicion that school rules or policies are violated. Searches of electronic devices will be limited (where reasonable) to those parts of the device that contain information related to the violation of school rules or policies. Schools will develop a communication protocol to inform students and parents/guardians of the diminished expectation of privacy when electronic devices are brought to school. The Pembina Trails School Division will assume no responsibility or loss, destruction, damage, or theft of any electronic communication device or for any communication costs associated with the unauthorized use of such devices. Students and families are responsible for locating such lost or stolen items.