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Under the direction of the Ontario Government and Ministry of Education, Princess Elizabeth Public School will not be allowing students to use personal devices at school. We are fortunate to have technology available as needed to support the academic needs and endeavors of our students. Below is a snapshot from PPM 128.

*“At minimum the local policy must require that for grades 7 to 12 students’ personal mobile devices are stored out of view and powered off or set to silent mode during instructional time, except when their use is explicitly permitted by the educator under the circumstances outlined above.*

- if the educator sees a personal mobile device that is not stored out of view, they must require the device be handed in for the instructional period and the device must be placed, by the student, in a storage area in a location in the classroom designated by the educator\*\**

*For students in grade 6 and below, at minimum the local policy must require that students’ personal mobile devices are stored out of view and powered off or set to silent mode throughout the full instructional day, except when their use is explicitly permitted by the educator under the circumstances outlined above.*

- if an educator sees a personal mobile device that is not stored out of view, they must require the device be handed in for the instructional day and the device must be placed, by the student, in a storage area in a location designated by the principal*

*The student is responsible for their personal mobile device, how they use it and the consequences of not following the school board’s policy on personal mobile device use.*

*If the student does not hand in their personal mobile device when required, they must be sent to the principal’s office. Principals have discretion under PPM No. 145, Progressive discipline and promoting positive student behaviour, to consider a range of responses to address this behaviour including suspension.”*

*\*\*As students and educators are in and out of classes throughout the day, cellphones will be brought to and stored in the main office. The full policy can be found [here](#).*

This means that students from Kindergarten through Grade 8 who bring a device with them to school will be responsible for keeping their **device silent and within their school backpack out of sight** or stored in a safe location provided by PES staff (when available). **Teachers will not be allowing the use of devices for instructional purposes and technology will be provided as needed.** There will be no use of personal devices during the school day. The school and staff are **NOT** responsible for lost or damaged devices. It is a risk to bring personal devices to school.



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Students who are not following the Ministry of Education's direction will be required to bring their phone to office. It is possible a parent/guardian will be requested to meet with school staff to discuss the cell phone policy and pick up the device. If a student refuses to leave their phone in the main office, this will lead to further response and discussion as outlined in PPM 145.

Since students are not permitted to use their devices during school hours, the school office phone will be available should a student be required to communicate with home during school hours for urgent or time pressing matters. We ask for your cooperation with this by contacting the office should you need to be in contact with your child while they are at school.

Students have been made aware that should their activity online (even outside of school hours) have a negative impact on the school community, this could lead to school and/or police involvement. This includes but is not limited to messages sent, group chats, sharing of photos, etc.

It is our hope to continue to support responsible use of technology, without having it distract our learners from their learning experience at school.

Yours in education,  
Cora Hammond