



Ryerson Heights School  
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## PERMISSION FOR STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL

We infuse technology in many aspects of classroom programs, including data projectors and interactive boards in all rooms, a GEDSB wireless network throughout the school, and desktops/netbooks/ or tablets for student use. To complement this school provided technology, we are now enabling students to utilize their own personal electronic devices within the classroom program for teacher approved usage for instructional purposes. Personal devices may include laptops, netbooks, tablets, smart phones (iPhones or Android devices) and iPod touches. Potential student uses for these devices at school include e-reading, accessing information for research, creating products to demonstrate understanding of curriculum, and more.

### Important Information for Parents:

- Student use of personal technology is optional, and school provided technology will always be available as an alternative.
- Parents assume full responsibility for any loss or damage, although reasonable efforts will be taken to keep the devices safe at school. The school or GEDSB cannot accept any responsibility for lost or stolen electronic equipment.
- Student devices should clearly be identified with labels, engraving, and/or in-device settings.
- Students using personal devices will still be required to log in to the school's wi-fi network using their existing school computer login credentials. Student internet traffic on personal devices is monitored by the Board's I.T. Department, and internet content passes through the same Board content filters as on school network computers.

\*\* Parent communication with their children must still come through the school's main office.

Computer, internet, personal device use, and/or other technology uses may be revoked, as deemed appropriate by school administration, for any infringement of the Code of Conduct or Code of Digital Citizenship, as posted on our school website and in the classroom. Students or parents should report any perceived incidents of abuse that negatively impacts the school's climate, whether initiated at or away from school, to school administration.

### Expectations for Students

1. Devices are only to be used in the classroom when/as directed by the teacher for educational purposes. Texting, social media, and phone calls during class time are not permitted as these are considered off task behaviour.
2. Phones or other devices brought to school for non-instructional purposes must be turned off during instructional time.
3. Taking pictures or recording video of others is prohibited, unless permission is specifically granted by the teacher.
4. Devices may only be used in designated areas. The use of devices in change rooms, washrooms, or areas of low supervision is strictly prohibited.
5. When asked, you must show content on your device to any staff member.
6. Your use of personal devices must follow the Code of Conduct (see Board website) and Code of Digital Citizenship (see reverse of page).

### Parent/Guardian acknowledgement to be returned to School

Students in Mr. Wilson's Grade 7 class are invited to bring personal devices to school as part of their instructional program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature

*Please note that Ryerson Heights Elementary School and the GEDSB cannot accept any liability for loss or damage to personal electronic devices brought in voluntarily.*