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STUDENT USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The St. James-Assiniboia School Division recognizes that the use of electronic information and communication devices is prevalent in today's society. These devices include cellular phones, camera cellular phones, pagers and others. Furthermore, the Division recognizes the value of such electronic communication devices to students, families and schools and the role of schools to model their appropriate use.

It is the intent of this policy to respect the safety, security and privacy of each individual and to manage the appropriate use of these electronic communication devices in the school to prevent interference with teaching and learning opportunities during the school day.

Use of communication devices by students is prohibited with the following exceptions:

- electronic communication devices can be used for educational purposes with the permission of the teacher and/or school administrator
- schools may designate an area(s) in the school and times of the day where use of the electronic device is permitted
- permission must be obtained from the teacher or administrator to use the camera function of an electronic device.

Inappropriate use of an electronic device, as determined by the teacher or administrator, shall result in the confiscation of the device and possible further disciplinary action if deemed appropriate by the administrator.

The St. James-Assiniboia School Division will assume no responsibility in any circumstance for the 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.

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