

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (QUESNEL)

## P R O C E D U R E S

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### NO.: 704 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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Finance Committee

Ref: Motor Vehicle Act

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#### **PROCEDURES:**

The Board of Education believes that cell phones and other digital devices can play an important role in education and communication with permission from the supervising teacher. Students may carry electronic devices and may use them as follows:

1. Elementary Schools will set electronic device use rules for non-instructional times that support their individual school.
2. At Junior and Secondary Schools electronic devices may be used during non-instructional times provided this doesn't interfere with the operation of the school.
3. Cell phones and other digital devices will not be used in change rooms or washrooms. Electronic devices will not be used to take pictures in change rooms or washrooms.
4. During instructional time, the use of electronic devices is for the purpose of student learning.
5. Cell phones must not be used during a school lockdown.

Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action. Cell phone and electronic device use is covered by the School and the District Code of Conduct.

#### **Cell Phones and Driving, both District and Personal Vehicles**

The regulations found in the Motor Vehicle Act concerning the use of electronic devices while driving must be obeyed.

Devices can be used if the vehicle is legally parked and not impeding traffic. When the vehicle is in use, only hands-free cell phones and devices that require one touch to activate will be permitted.

#### **Permitted actions and devices:**

- Hands-free cell phones that are built in or securely fixed to the vehicle, and used by pressing a single button in order to activate a hands-free device for incoming or outgoing calls.
- Pre-programmed and voice-activated GPS devices.
- Two-way radios.

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- Any of the above devices can be used if the vehicle is legally parked and not impeding traffic

**Emergencies**

Should a parent/guardian need to contact their child for an urgent message, they should contact the school office.

During a school lockdown or evacuation, parents and students must not call or text each other so that the cell phone system remains free for use by emergency personnel. Parents should listen to the local radio station or call the District Administration Office for updates.