



Kildonan-East Collegiate

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Dear KEC Community,

This letter is a reminder of the cell phone guidelines established by the Manitoba Government. These guidelines refer to any personal devices that can be used to connect to the internet (e.g., smartwatches, tablets, cell phones, laptops, smart glasses).

Appropriate use of technology is also outlined in the RETSD Code of Conduct [RETSD - Code of Conduct](#) and RETSD Policies:

[IJND - Instructional Technology Use](#)

[IJND-E1 - Instructional Technology Use Form](#)

[JICJ - Student Use of Student Supplied Personal Electronic Devices](#)

[JICJ-R Student Use of Student Supplied Personal Electronic Devices Procedure](#)

As a reminder:

- Schools with Kindergarten to Grade 8 students are personal electronic device free zones during school hours and on school property.
- Students in Grades 9-12 are able to use their personal electronic devices for instructional purposes in class when directed by a teacher, and during breaks and lunch.
 - Each teacher will provide additional guidelines regarding the use of personal electronic devices for instructional purposes. When devices are not required for instruction, they should be secured out of sight.
 - Please note that teachers will also provide additional specific guidelines regarding the use of personal electronic devices during extracurricular activities.
 - Devices are not to be out in class for any personal student use.
- Staff model responsible personal electronic device use for students by thoughtfully limiting personal electronic device use in the learning environment to school-related matters.

Manitoba Education and Training has published Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the Cell Phone Guidelines. The link can be found [here](#).

Teaching and learning about being a responsible digital citizen continue in all grades and classes. Our schools have access to a variety of technology that supports students in being creators, designers, and critical thinkers.



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As partners in your children's education, the conversations that you have at home are crucial in that teaching and learning. Here are some resources that may be helpful:

[Resources for Parents \(mediasmarts.ca\)](https://mediasmarts.ca)

[What parents need to know about tech and sleep | MediaSmarts](#)

[RETSD TV Healthy Cellphone Use](#)

Please contact the school if you have any questions about the guidelines.

Regards,

KEC Admin