

DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	
<u>POLICY</u>	
POLICY NUMBER:	8.12
SUBJECT:	Personal Electronic Devices
REFERENCES:	<p>Policies:</p> <p>P-5002 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy P-5004 Acceptable Network Use and Security P-5003 Records and Information Management P-0002 Catholic Code of Conduct P-2012 Bullying Awareness, Prevention, and Intervention P-2013 Progressive Discipline</p> <p>General Administrative Procedures:</p> <p>GAP5023 Privacy Breach and Best Practices for Responding GAP5011 Classification and Records Retention Schedule GAP5016 Personal Electronic Devices on School and DPCDSB Premises GAP2012 Catholic Code of Conduct GAP2013 Bullying Prevention GAP2014 Progressive Discipline</p> <p>Policy/Program Memorandum 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct</p>
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“Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

1 Peter: 9-10

1. It is the policy of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) to provide a safe and productive workplace and learning environment by regulating the use of Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) on school and other DPCDSB premises.
2. PEDs are personal electronic devices that include, but are not limited to laptops, tablets, cell phones, smartphones, and wearable technology. PEDs are understood to be synonymous with the “Personal Mobile Devices” described in PPM 128.
3. In the spirit of creating a positive Catholic climate for all school communities, with the aim of improving student achievement, increasing school safety, and protecting individual privacy, DPCDSB asserts that school principals, in fulfillment of their legislative responsibilities, will regulate the use of personal electronic devices (PED) on school premises and during school-sanctioned activities.

4. In accordance with DPCDSB's obligations under the *Education Act* and PPM 128, DPCDSB ensures that all members of the school community shall refrain from using personal electronic devices during instructional time except under the following circumstances:
 - for educational purposes, as directed by an educator;
 - for health and medical purposes;
 - to support special education needs.
5. The use of PEDs, during school-sanctioned activities for a designated purpose outside of instructional spaces and/or in common areas, may be authorized by the school principal (or designate).
6. Student use of PEDs on DPCDSB premises and/or at DPCDSB-sanctioned events shall only occur under the direction and/or supervision of staff and only with parent/guardian permission (unless students are aged 18 years or are aged 16 or 17 years and have withdrawn from parental control), as indicated by a signed *General Form 337: Personal Electronic Device Used With WI-FI Network Student Agreement*.
7. The use of PEDs on school premises shall be in accordance with applicable laws, PPM 128, and DPCDSB's *Catholic Code of Conduct*, as may be amended or replaced.
8. DPCDSB regulates the use of PEDs on school or other DPCDSB premises by prohibiting the following uses:
 - The use of a PED that compromises the academic integrity of the school or individuals within the school.
 - The use of a PED that interferes with or disrupts the academic day or the teaching and learning environment.
 - The use of a PED that violates a person's reasonable expectation of privacy.
 - The use of a PED that compromises personal and/or school/workplace safety.
 - The use of a PED that facilitates the commission of a crime.
 - Any other use of a PED which the school principal deems compromises or interferes with school security, personal safety, individual privacy, or academic integrity.
9. The school principal, in conjunction with the support of their school staff, is responsible for ensuring the implementation and management of this policy at the school level. Principals are further required to communicate annually with parents and guardians the contents of this policy and consequences for non-compliance.
10. Students and staff connecting their PEDs to the DPCDSB wireless network must not share their DPCDSB account credentials.
11. *General Administrative Procedure GAP5016 – Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) on School and DPCDSB Premises on School and DPCDSB Premises* and *GAP5003 – Access to the DPCDSB Wireless Network Using Personal Electronic Devices* list additional policy and procedure requirements applicable to PED use in DPCDSB by students and staff, and visitors, respectively.
12. DPCDSB will not be responsible for claims that arise out of a staff member's or student's misuse of a PED and/or misuse of the DPCDSB wireless network.