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Electronic Devices Policy

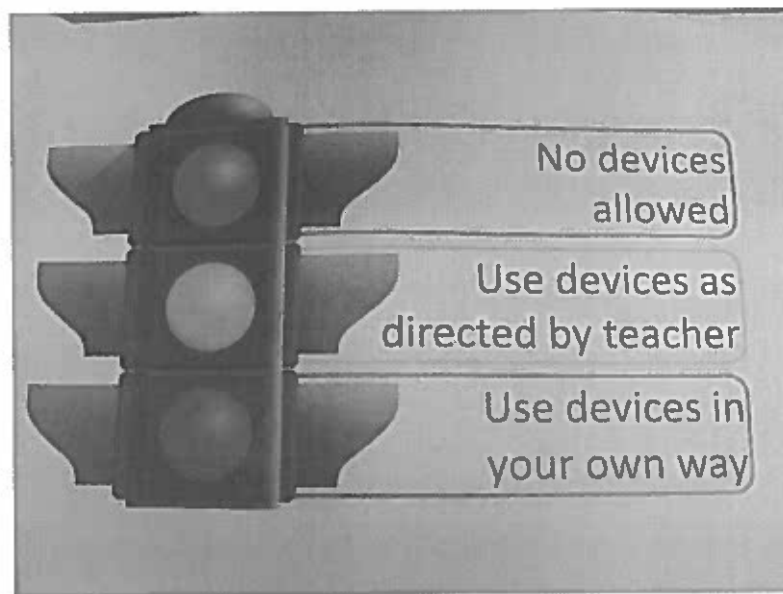
Many electronic devices have the capability to record sound/video, take photos, transmit text messages, play movies and surf the internet. These devices present a number of challenges to maintaining student privacy, academic focus, and to monitor inappropriate behavior, academic integrity & cyber bullying.

Thessalon Public School and the Algoma District School Board recognize the benefits that technology can bring to support student learning. It is important for students to understand the principles and responsibilities of Digital Citizenship. All users of the Algoma District School Board (ADSB) information technologies and resources are required to know and abide by the ADSB Acceptable Use Guidelines. These guidelines define responsibilities for the safe and acceptable use of information technologies and resources of the ADSB in support of the Board's policy on Use of Information Technologies and Resources [Section 6(42)]. The guidelines document is available from the school office or the ADSB website at:

www.adsb.on.ca/.../AcceptableGuidelinesforTechnologiesandResources.

Use of Devices at Thessalon Public School

- Devices may be used in instructional areas for work, educational purposes and other uses when deemed it is appropriate by the teacher or immediate supervisor.
- Devices may be used for gaming or listening to music outside at recess; not in lunch rooms.
- Devices may not be used at any time in restricted areas which include any location requiring privacy such as washrooms, change rooms, dressing rooms, etc.
- Devices may not be used to record pictures or video on school property without the express permission of the principal or designate and parent/guardian's signed release.
- Devices may not be used on class field trips.
- Students carry devices at their own risk. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged devices.



Progressive Consequences.

Electronic devices being used inappropriately, in restricted areas, or during “no devices allowed” time will be confiscated. Should there be reasonable grounds a confiscated device message history may be reviewed by the principal. Photos or recordings on devices which depict inappropriate or illegal content or behaviour will be dealt with according to Board Safe Schools Policy. Such content may be deleted or shared with the appropriate authorities.

- 1st Infraction: Device confiscated and kept at the office for three days and the parent will be informed (the parent may elect to pick up the phone on the day of the infraction)
- 2nd Infraction: Device confiscated and kept at the office for one week then picked up by parent/guardian
- 3rd Infraction: Behaviour will be considered opposition to authority and dealt with according to the school’s code of conduct