



# CELL PHONE, IPODS, TABLETS USE FOR VINCENT MASSEY STUDENTS



**Cell Phones and Electronic Device** are...

**NOT** to be used during recess or lunchtimes.

**NOT** to be used outside for any purpose.

**NOT** to be used in the hallway, washroom, or change rooms for any purpose.

**MAY** only be used when deemed appropriate by a staff member for educational purposes.

The taking of photos, filming or recording, or the broadcasting of live audio and/or video, while at school or a school related activity, is prohibited unless approved by the DDSB (or school) and/or where proper consents have been obtained, as may be appropriate.

Unless deemed appropriate by a staff member for educational purposes, it is the practice of the Durham District School Board that the use of personal electronic devices is prohibited during the school-day on school property. "Personal electronic devices" include, but are not limited to, cellular phones, smart phones, portable digital media players and recorders, and gaming systems. Personal electronic devices may be utilized on the way to and from school, or during times assigned by your teacher. Our school and the Durham District School Board cannot assume liability for lost or stolen personal electronic devices. Valuables of all kinds should not be brought to school.

Personal electronic devices that are used inappropriately inside the school are disruptive to the teaching and learning environment. The privacy and personal dignity of others could be violated by the inappropriate use of personal electronic devices to text message, social network, and/or share digital media. In addition, communication through personal electronic devices during class time interferes with teaching and learning. An exception to this occurs when the teacher has approved specific technology for purposeful instruction. Co-curricular programs, such as field trips and after-school events, are an extension of the classroom, and the expectations of the use of personal electronic devices apply. Staff may approve the use of technology for purpose of communication, such as calling parents or guardians for pick up.

**If a student is seen with a cell phone, the phone will be confiscated and the student will have to pick it up at the office at the end of the day. If future incidents occur, parents/guardians will be called to pick up the cell phone from the school office and further discussion will take place. The Durham District School Board cannot assume the liability for lost or stolen personal electronic devices.**

**These procedures are in effect from the moment you walk onto school property until the moment you leave school property no matter the time of day.**

