

QUESNEL JUNIOR SCHOOL
PE & HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ELECTRONICS POLICY

September 12, 2022

Dear parents,

School District No. 28 policy states that the use of electronic devices is for educational purposes only. It is our opinion that there is no educational benefit to students using electronic devices in the gym environment.

Furthermore, it is our mandate to support the British Columbia Physical Education & Health curriculum that states among its 'big ideas' that students are encouraged to pursue lifelong participation, healthy choices (that support our physical, emotional and mental well being), and healthy relationships. With this in mind, we feel it pertinent that we address the habitual use of electronic devices by students in our environment.

The QJS Physical Education department has banned all image-recording devices, non-medical audio devices (such as Air pods) and smart watches from the gym area.

Our policy is designed to:

- (a) Protect students from personal injury
- (b) Promote participation
- (c) Prevent property damage and theft of students' devices
- (d) Prevent students from photographing, or filming, students in change rooms, and posting such material online.
- (e) Prevent students from participating in social media communication during instructional time.

We recognize that you may be accustomed to contacting your child during school hours; however, we are asking that you make a concerted effort to limit such communication to before school, during lunch hour, and after school. In the case of an emergency, your child's teacher can make phone calls. If necessary, please call the school office at 250 747-2103.

After their initial warning, any student device confiscated by a teacher will be put in the main office and can be picked up at the end of the school day. If there is a pattern of inappropriate usage, the parent/guardian(s) may be contacted by the teacher and/or school administration.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact your child's P.E. teacher, or our school administration.

Sincerely,

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