



# QUESNEL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

The QJS Physical Education department has banned image-recording devices 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.


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

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

Sincerely,

  
Mr. Mathew Johnson  
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