

Irwin Memorial Personal Technology Expectations

2018 -2019



At Irwin we want to encourage thinking, problem solving, innovation, exploration, and risk taking so that our students are prepared for the 21st Century. We recognize the value of personal devices in promoting these skills. Coupled with this, we are committed to providing children programming to support the responsible use of this technology. Specifically, students will be supported to self-regulate when using these tools. With these intentions in mind, the following expectations were co-created by the staff, parents and the Grade 6-8 students of Irwin to support a safe and caring learning environment for all. Our intention is to review these regularly.

Appropriate Use for Grades 6, 7, 8:

- Used in class for learning purposes (i.e. research, calculator, note taking, listening/reading iBooks, listening to music, keeping track of homework, important dates etc.)
- Ensuring that one is always receiving or sending appropriate content
- Ensuring one is always communicating in a socially appropriate manner
- Used at recess or lunch in appropriate ways
- Contacting home with teacher/supply teacher knowledge; students are responsible to make sure they inform their teacher of the resolution
- Used only by the owner of the device; password protected devices are preferred
- Videoing and photographing others with consent, only
- Never in change rooms and bathrooms
- Never during a presentation or an assembly
- Never during lock down procedures, fire drills or other emergency procedures
- Ensuring these expectations are followed at school and off site school programs, such as class trips

Appropriate use for Grades K-5:

- It would be preferred if personal technology, for this age group, be kept at home
- If personal devices must come to school, they will need to be placed in an agreed-upon safe place at the beginning of the day and then retrieved at the end of the day.

Failure to use personal devices appropriately could result in the loss of privilege at the school as per our Code of Conduct (OP-6021). School responses to inappropriate use will be progressive in nature. Parents will be kept informed.

Students and parents are invited to review the following documents:

Appropriate Use of Information/Communication Technology and Technology Services as Outlined by TLDSB (BU-3036), Code of Conduct (OP-6021), and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Procedure (OP-3216) found on the TLDSB website: tldsb.ca