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Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Communication Devices

These regulations apply to the regular school day and to all school-sponsored events such as extracurricular activities and field trips.

All ECDs must be kept out of sight and turned off while on division transportation, during school programs/presentations and in classrooms except when used with the prior permission of the teacher/school. Unauthorized use of these devices disrupts the instructional program and distracts from the learning environment.

At the Elementary School level, student use of cell phones and other ECDs is not permitted in the school or on school property unless directed by the teacher/school. It is expected that communication during the school day will occur through the school office or as directed by school policy.

The use of ECDs to invade personal privacy or contribute to behaviour that is injurious of other will be addressed through the division Code of Conduct. Uploading or downloading of material deemed to be objectionable by the school/division will be addressed through the Code of Conduct.

Students who use ECDs to send or receive messages, data or information that would contribute to or constitute cheating will be subject to consequences under the Code of Conduct.

School officials, including classroom teachers, may confiscate ECDs from students if they are used for unauthorized purposes or at unauthorized times. Repeated violations may lead to further action as determined by the school.

Pine Creek School Division will assume no responsibility in any circumstance for the loss, destruction, damage or theft of any electronic communication device or for any communication bill associated with the unauthorized use of such devices. Students and families are responsible for locating lost or stolen items.