

Personal Devices



"IGNORE IT...IT'S JUST MY DAD'S DRONE KEEPING AN EYE ON US!"

The thing about technology is....

...that it always outpaces the legislation, policies and practices to govern how we should use it. Where we see this most prevalently in school boards today is in the use of personal devices at school. Staff bring them. Students bring them. Both use their personal cell phones, tablets and even laptops at school in ever-changing, new ways and school boards struggle to keep up with policies and safeguards to protect privacy, security and information because of it.

Did You Know?

Any recordings—typed, audio, video, photographic—created by staff for professional purposes during the course of their job are board records. That means that the board is legally responsible for them and is supposed to be in control of them. But when staff use their personal devices, those records are inaccessible to the board and outside of its control.

Managing personal devices in the classroom

It takes some creative thinking to figure out how to use student personal devices for learning. If educators do not want student personal devices in the classroom, they are faced with the difficult challenge of how to manage them. Student cell phones, for example, are not school property so the issue of confiscating them or collecting and storing them is contentious, especially if a device gets damaged. One creative method is to use a hanging shoe organizer with name labels for students to park their devices during class.

Challenge

Have a look at this 5 min e-learning module on teachers' use of mobile devices. There are some tips and tricks you may find helpful:

<http://misalondon.ca/pim/digital-privacy-module/>

Risks

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Unauthorized access to student personal information:

Sometimes families share cloud storage and their devices automatically sync to that cloud. If that happens, then student images and video captured by a teacher on a personal device could become accessible to their family members-- and that's a breach!

Invasion of privacy:

Students with personal devices have the capability of capturing photo, audio and video of students and staff in class and sharing via social media. Without obtaining consent first, this violates classmates' and teachers' rights to privacy.