

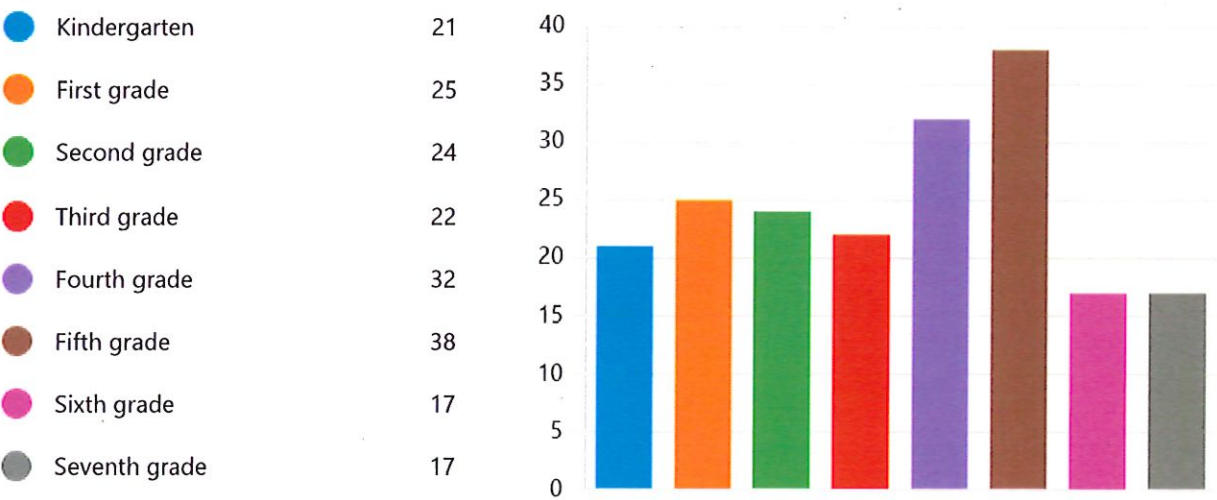
# Personal Digital Devices Survey for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

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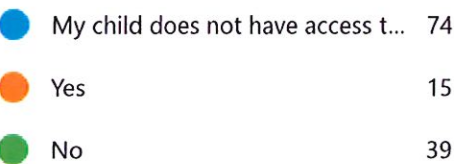
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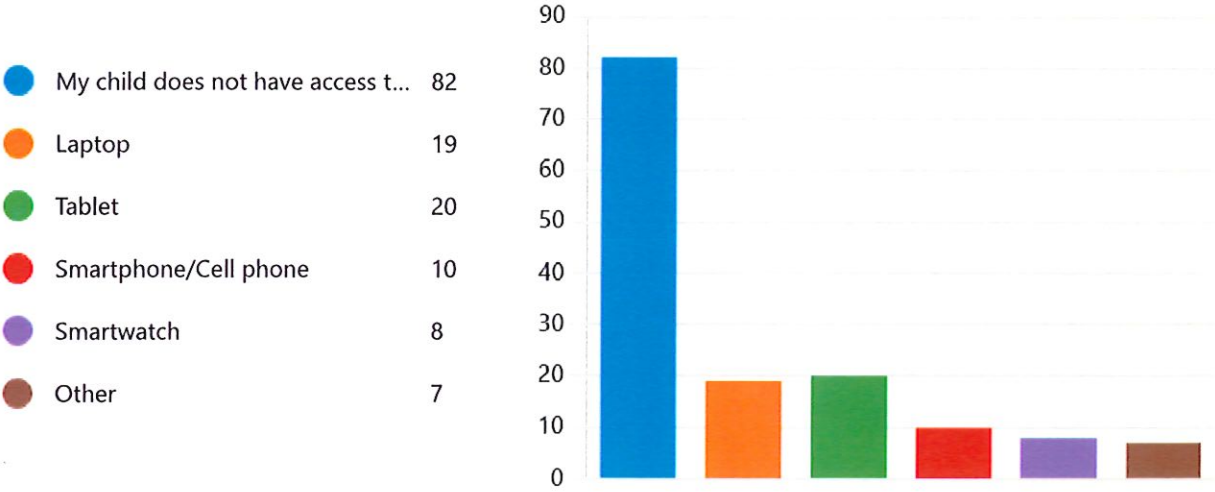
1. Grade of your child(ren) (check all that apply):



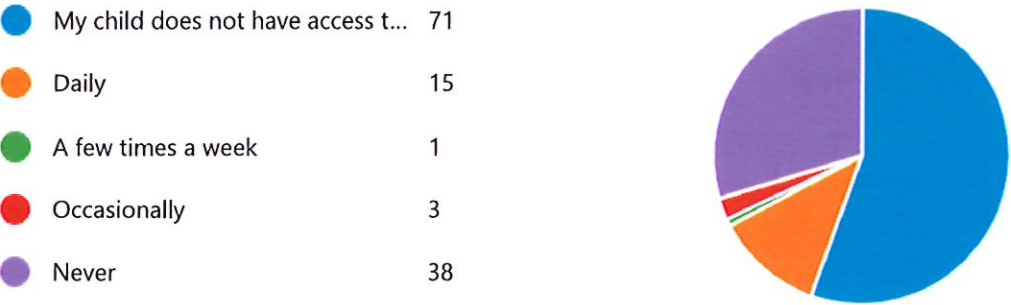
2. Do you approve of your child's use of personal digital devices at school?



3. Which personal digital device does your child use for school-related activities? (check all that apply)

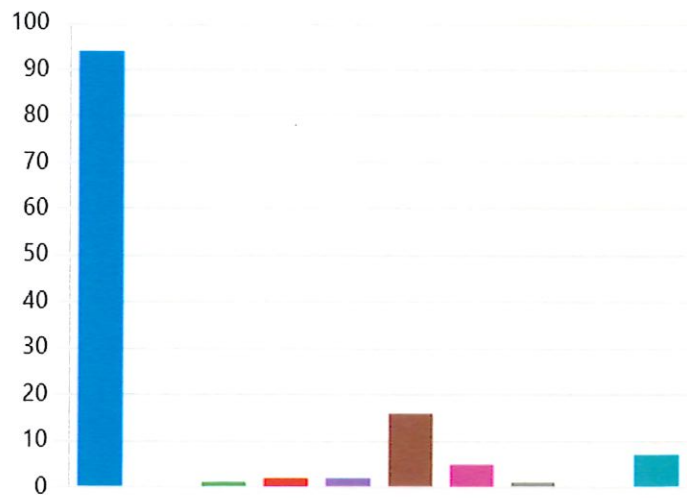


4. How often does your child bring their personal digital devices to school?



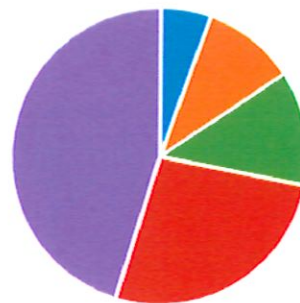
5. If brought to school, for what purpose does your child use their personal digital device? (check all that apply)

● My child does not bring these d...	94
● Taking notes/taking photos of n...	0
● Researching instructional inform...	1
● Communicating with teachers/cl...	2
● Completing assignments	2
● Communicating with home/par...	16
● Listening to music	5
● Accessing social media	1
● Playing games	0
● Other	7

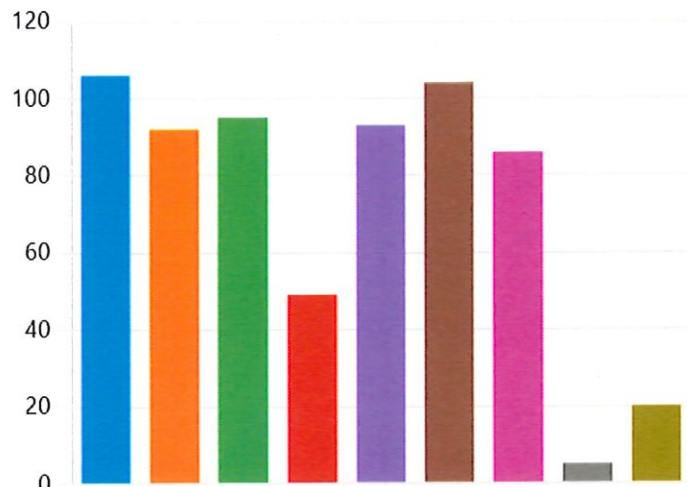
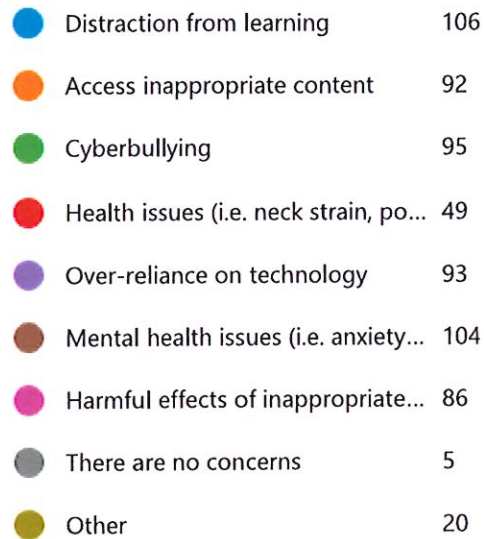


6. How beneficial do you think personal digital devices are for your child's learning?

● Very beneficial	7
● Somewhat beneficial	13
● Neutral	16
● Somewhat detrimental	34
● Very detrimental	58



7. What concerns do you have about your child's use of personal or school-provided digital devices at school? (check all that apply)



8. Please detail which item(s) on the list in Question #7 is most concerning to you.

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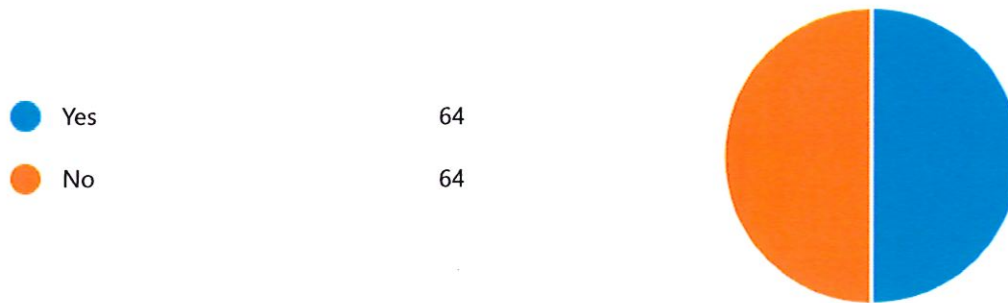
"Distraction from learning"

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31 respondents (30%) answered **mental health** for this question.



9. Have you noticed any positive impacts of using personal or school-provided digital devices on your child's education?



10. If you answered "Yes" to Question #9, please detail below:

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"They can navigate basic to moderately complex websites to ...

"At home and at school, some apps have helped my child dev...

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25 respondents (40%) answered **school** for this question.

time at school

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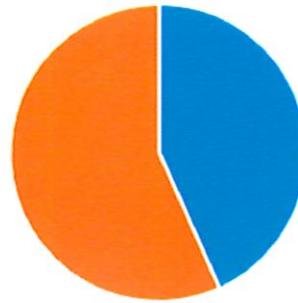
11. Have you noticed any negative impacts of using personal or school-provided digital devices on your child's education?

Yes

52

No

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12. If you answered "Yes" to Question #11, please detail below:

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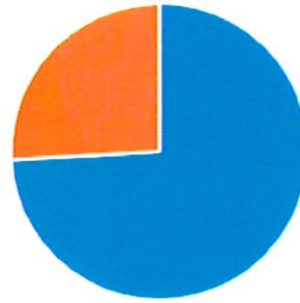
*"They develop a desire to have more and more time on a dev..."*

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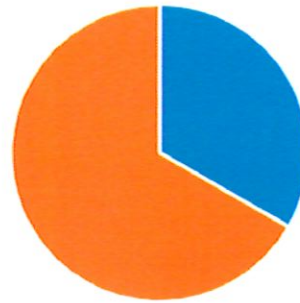
16 respondents (28%) answered **child** for this question.

devices in the classroom    students using their devices  
digital device    social media    personal and school  
games on school    watch    use    **child**    **school**    screen/device  
screen time    kids    Distraction    personal devices    children are by ph  
devices at home    impact of other children    strong with the  
instead of learning

13. Are you aware of the proposed changes to the 2024-2025 Code of Conduct in relation to student use of personal digital devices?



14. Do you think the current school expectations on student use of personal digital devices are effective?



15. What policies or guidelines would you like to see implemented regarding student use of personal digital devices at school?

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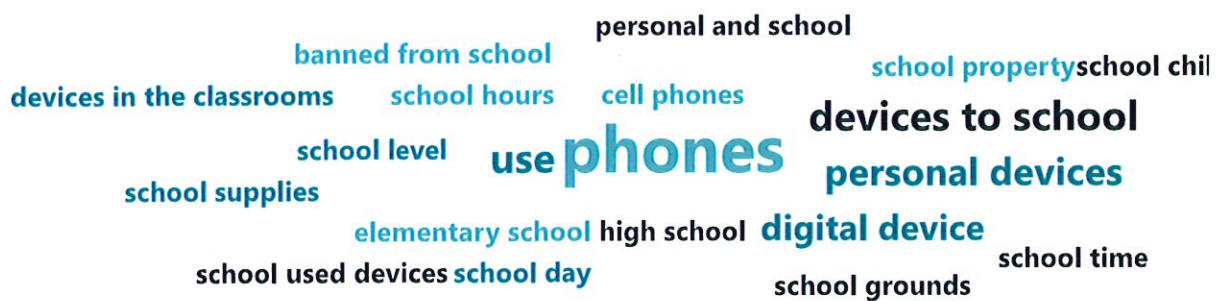
*"I would like to see no child bring a device to school. Make ar...*

*"No personal devices allowed for students at school. Period. T...*

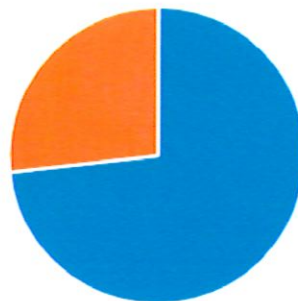
*"Id like to see thr use of specified, high quality apps. Id like to...*

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**29** respondents (**29%**) answered **phones** for this question.



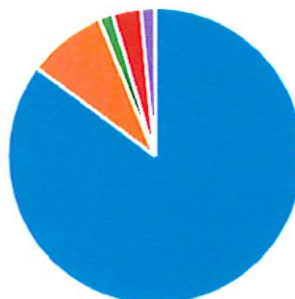
16. Do you believe that there should be more digital literacy education provided at school for students?





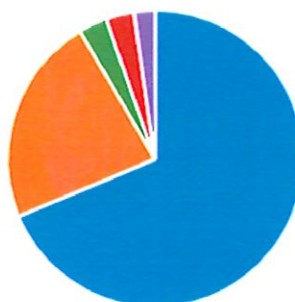
17. How comfortable are you with setting rules for your child's use of personal digital devices?

Very comfortable	109
Somewhat comfortable	11
Neutral	2
Somewhat uncomfortable	4
Very uncomfortable	2



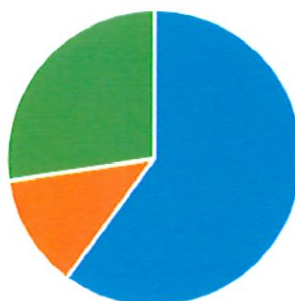
18. How comfortable are you in monitoring your child's use of personal digital devices?

Very comfortable	88
Somewhat comfortable	29
Neither comfortable nor uncom...	4
Somewhat uncomfortable	4
Very uncomfortable	3



19. Would you be interested in attending workshops or receiving resources about managing children's digital device usage?

Yes	77
No	16
Maybe	35



20. Please add any further comments regarding student use of personal digital devices at school.

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"The board needs to understand how detrimental smart pho...

"Please keep personal digital devices out of school, but keep t...

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19 respondents (45%) answered **schools** for this question.

A word cloud visualization of responses regarding student use of personal digital devices at school. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with the most frequent words being 'schools' and 'child'. Other prominent words include 'use', 'digital devices', 'personal devices', 'phones at school', 'social media', 'school work', 'kids', 'need', 'having', 'children at school', 'digital learning', 'not own a device', 'school to students', 'high school', 'parents', and 'elementary schools'.

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school work kids use schools child Children can

having use schools child Children can

children at school personal devices parents digital devices high school

digital learning not own a device school to students

## Personal Digital Devices Survey Parents/Guardians/Caregivers Results:

Please detail which item(s) on the list in Question #7 is most concerning to you.

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ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Devices being a distraction to learning is the biggest concern. However, I fully support children wearing smart watches (specifically the Garmin Bounce) *with parental controls active during school hours* and do not believe these should be restricted as they are now, as the device is disconnected from its GPS messaging when parental controls are active. We chose to buy our child a smart watch as a way to delay purchasing a phone and as a safety device that will foster her independence. We are disappointed she has to remove it during the day.
2	anonymous	Distraction
3	anonymous	Distraction, over use of technology, mental health
4	anonymous	The biggest concern is that his education becomes secondary to the device. If all answers are readily given and available then what kind of person or citizen are we developing and how will this person contribute to our society.
5	anonymous	All of them. Children should not have access to social media before the age of 16. No school or workplace can ensure that children cannot access all social media. It is detrimental to the development of a healthy brain.
6	anonymous	Harmful effects
7	anonymous	Distraction, inappropriate content
8	anonymous	All of them.
9	anonymous	All are concerning, but specifically distraction from learning and cyberbullying
10	anonymous	Distraction from learning
11	anonymous	Distraction
12	anonymous	Cyber bullying
13	anonymous	all of the above in question 7
14	anonymous	Health issues

ID	Name	Responses
15	anonymous	Mental health and access to information
16	anonymous	Mental Health, accessing inappropriate content and distraction
17	anonymous	Predators having access to their device or swaying children to meet concerns me greatly. But if the device is secured with VPN it's ok.
18	anonymous	Over reliance and
19	anonymous	Cyber bullying and mental health related to social media
20	anonymous	I think they on average have little to no value
21	anonymous	Mental health
22	anonymous	All of the ones checked off. They are all equally concerning especially in a school environment.
23	anonymous	Over dependence and distraction from learning. Screens are addictive and rarely necessary in the classroom except for learning how to use computers and word processing /research
24	anonymous	Mental health issues are most concerning to me. Social media is designed to be addictive
25	anonymous	Kids need to learn how to interact face to face. More and more that skill/art is being lost.
26	anonymous	In a school-based setting, personal devices should not be used. Whereas school-supplied digital devices can be used as long as they enhance learning.
27	anonymous	Distraction from learning
28	anonymous	Too young to understand the chat rooms and likely to click on adverts or purchase something
29	anonymous	Distraction from learning
30	anonymous	Mental Health Issues: The time it takes for the brain to regulate after it has been on screens. Phones are highly addictive and do not offer a value add in the classroom. They are a big distraction
31	anonymous	Over reliance on technology

ID	Name	Responses
32	anonymous	Distraction from learning, mental health concerns and addiction
33	anonymous	All the ones I selected concern me, I don't think there are any compelling reasons kids need personal devices at school
34	anonymous	Cyber bullying
35	anonymous	Harmful effects of inappropriate use (i.e. sexting, trolling) Bullying
36	anonymous	Cyberbullying
37	anonymous	Access to inappropriate content
38	anonymous	Distraction from learning and harmful effects of inappropriate use. These devices are not meant for children.
39	anonymous	Distraction from learning, mental health issues
40	anonymous	I'm not overly concerned currently as I'm assuming that any use of school-provided devices is highly supervised and monitored. However, once my child has his own phone and uses it at school, I would be most concerned about the distraction, his posture, and becoming addicted and over dependent on the device
41	anonymous	Mental health concerns re: constant distraction and barrier it creates in establishing relationships
42	anonymous	Distraction from learning, mental health issues, over reliance on technology
43	anonymous	Distraction from learning
44	anonymous	All details are concerning - but over-reliance on tech, mental health, distraction from learning and navigating social dynamics/human interactions are top of the list.
45	anonymous	Cyber bullying
46	anonymous	Cyber bullying
47	anonymous	Distraction is my biggest concern at this age.
48	anonymous	Mental health issues
49	anonymous	over exaggeration of issues that 'offline' aren't really a big deal. ie. social media caused stress



ID	Name	Responses
50	anonymous	Access to inappropriate content, and bullying on social media
51	anonymous	All of them.
52	anonymous	a distraction from learning - while used as a tool, a device (particularly a personal device) can offer so many other distractions that can be navigated into and away from the intended activity
53	anonymous	As of grade 1, I am not concerned about them but I can see this evolving.
54	anonymous	Mental health issues
55	anonymous	Distraction from learning
56	anonymous	Mental health
57	anonymous	The personal devices that have access to social media are the most concerning due to potential unrestricted content as well as distraction from learning
58	anonymous	Harmful effects of inappropriate use and mental health issues
59	anonymous	Mental Health, Harmful Effects are my top concerns
60	anonymous	All of them honestly are pretty concerning on an equal level.
61	anonymous	Question needs to be separated. School provided devices are different than personal digital devices. Excessive use of digital devices can be correlated with listed health effects.
62	anonymous	All of these concern me if the devices are used inappropriately. I am in support of laptops/ipads being used in the classroom for specific educational purposes, even teaching kids how to safely navigate the internet. I am not in support of ANY kids bringing smart phones to school for personal use. Parents should be able to get ahold of kids through the school phone if needed. For after school, if kids have a phone and use it to let their parents know where they will be after school, i think that is appropriate. That said, I wouldn't want them to give access to other kids on the playground afterschool unsupervised.
63	anonymous	Mental health issues
64	anonymous	smartphones
65	anonymous	Mental health issues

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66	anonymous	Harmful effects of inappropriate use worries me the most.
67	anonymous	Access to inappropriate content
68	anonymous	Over-reliance on technology. I want my child to practice problem solving, critical thinking and connecting with others as well as his environment etc. and not to become as addicted to or dependant on technology as I am.
69	anonymous	Kids are at school to learn from the teacher and others in the class. Need access to the internet, go to the computer room or have dedicated time to use class laptop/tablets for school related activities.
70	anonymous	For kindergarten I'm concerned about creating an over reliance /addiction to screens. My child gets very distracted with any sort of screen
71	anonymous	I weight them all important
72	anonymous	Access inappropriate content
73	anonymous	No concerns for school provided devices. We are not in support of a personal device such as a cell phone.
74	anonymous	I have no concerns due to the nature of my child's device. Our device is not needed in the classroom, nor should it be there. This device is for after school purposes and family management and to ensure the safety of my child after school hours.
75	anonymous	they are all extremely concerning
76	anonymous	Mental health issues
77	anonymous	mental health
78	anonymous	I'm not worried about school provided digital devices. I think children need to use technology to be a productive person in society. I am worried specifically about social media and how corrosive it is for some children.
79	anonymous	Mental health issues: I'd like to keep my kids away from social media - because I think it is a huge negative for mental health - for as long as possible and so want to limit their access to smartphones. I would like for smartphones and personal digital devices to not be part of their everyday school life.
80	anonymous	Over reliance on technology and mental health issues

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81	anonymous	Innapropriate content. Coming from a Christian background pornography has always been a negative thing and that it was ok for the rest of the world. There have been many cases with celebrities that have no faith background talking about how harmful it has been in their lives. Now it is being shoved in our faces non stop and girls/young women are being groomed to feel like they need to look like that/act like that to be loved. Over reliance on tech. They call them smart phones, but they seem to make us less smart.
82	anonymous	In no particular order: distraction, bullying, mental health
83	anonymous	Inappropriate content, bullying, photos taken of others without consent, distraction.
84	anonymous	Exposure to inappropriate content from others devices. The distraction from learning if they are in the classroom.
85	anonymous	Use of technology is addictive and I think it should be very regulated.
86	anonymous	All of them
87	anonymous	Mental health issues, over-reliance on technology and not able to think for herself and problem solve without a device.
88	anonymous	Inappropriate use and bullying if not properly monitored and or restricted.
89	anonymous	Mental health issues
90	anonymous	At elementary age, access to inappropriate content, distraction from learning
91	anonymous	I am not for cell phone or other devices at school but my son has a disability and providing him with his own device was the only way to insure he was not relying on the school to get one. In the past, most teachers have been great to let him access technology to help him do his work. But we were warned that it would get harder for him to access it at Rss.
92	anonymous	The mental health aspect is my biggest concern
93	anonymous	Cyberbullying and accessing inapprop. content
94	anonymous	Honestly, it is *all* very concerning to me. But at the elementary level in school, I suppose I would pick distraction as number one.
95	anonymous	Distraction from learning

ID	Name	Responses
96	anonymous	In terms of a school context, my biggest concern about cell phones in classrooms is related to the distraction from learning they cause.
97	anonymous	Distraction from learning
98	anonymous	Distraction from learning, mental health.
99	anonymous	It's an enormous distraction
100	anonymous	Mental health issues are much higher for children that use digital devices.
101	anonymous	Distraction from learning
102	anonymous	Mental health
103	anonymous	Distraction from learning
104	anonymous	Mental health issues
105	anonymous	Addiction to screens causing anxiety and habits
106	anonymous	Distraction from learning
107	anonymous	Cyberbullying
108	anonymous	There are times for technology but at a young age I feel it is more of a toy than a tool
109	anonymous	Distraction from learning, inappropriate content and reliance
110	anonymous	Mental Health
111	anonymous	Distraction from learning
112	anonymous	All of it! Way too young to have a digital device! The proof is out there!
113	anonymous	I believe it takes away their attention and ability to self regulate as devices create an emotional response of the need for instant gratification
114	anonymous	I'm concerned about personal devices that are brought and used with little to no oversight. School provided devices presumably have both oversight as well as protective features built in to help manage the other above concerns.

10.

If you answered "Yes" to Question #9, please detail below:

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ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Scratch is a wonderful coding app for kids!
2	anonymous	There is genuine excitement and curiosity. Our child seems well versed in current events and can navigate various computer interfaces readily.
3	anonymous	They are part of society. If you don't teach them how to use these devices appropriately they will be behind in technology growth
4	anonymous	Using voice to text on a school device
5	anonymous	School provided devices allow them to navigate the web in a controlled environment.
6	anonymous	Easier to get them to engage in challenging content such as math.
7	anonymous	Easier access to math games like athletics, language apps like Dulingo & more.
8	anonymous	School devices with restricted access is good for learning and accessing information to for research and learning how to navigate internet/technology appropriately
9	anonymous	Learn to operate and use digital devices
10	anonymous	As a way to communicate when they go nonverbal, and as a way to learn new things at their own speed
11	anonymous	How to research things, coding
12	anonymous	Puzzles and activities help them learn
13	anonymous	Working on research projects and completing presentations through creative presentation production.
14	anonymous	A good understanding of technology will be crucial for success.
15	anonymous	My son was sometimes using a tablet to help with writing s as he has a learning disability
16	anonymous	So many good educational apps/content but also so many bad ones too.



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17	anonymous	My children have used Mathletics at school and at home. This has encouraged them to learn math.
18	anonymous	Ability to create presentations
19	anonymous	My son loves learning about coding at school on laptops
20	anonymous	He asks Alexa at home and enjoys the facts it replies with.
21	anonymous	Access to mathletics and raz kids has been beneficial. Also book creator
22	anonymous	Creating PowerPoint presentations, making creative movies, research
23	anonymous	She loves learning on the tablets when provided at school. It can be used in a positive way.
24	anonymous	Learning coding on school laptops
25	anonymous	Access to information and knowledge, learning to use technology in a proper, safe, and healthy way
26	anonymous	Helpful for researching and developing presentations
27	anonymous	Only school provided digital devices - developing digital literacy
28	anonymous	Access to extended learning activities, increase communication between home and school, access to learning opportunities while away from school
29	anonymous	School-provided laptops are beneficial for teaching basic computer skill & typing - as these are essential learning for everyone. Most jobs, banking, filing taxes, etc require some typing & computer skills. I pads & phones are not necessary, especially at school
30	anonymous	School provided devices and activities allow students to experience the uses of technology that are relevant to skills needed in a changing society
31	anonymous	Educational games or learning videos. Exposure to different worlds is great.
32	anonymous	Use of school computers to teach how to use them properly
33	anonymous	Child understands how to navigate/access good apps and content for learning such as sports videos, history, etc. Child also becomes familiar with how to move around safely in an electronic environment

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34	anonymous	Some technologies are very helpful with learning disorders such as Dyslexia. If used sparingly and appropriately technology seems acceptable.
35	anonymous	Question needs to be separated. I like my kids learning how to use the different programs at school. If they ask for them I will likely help them access them at home.
36	anonymous	Devices aren't going away so I would rather teach them how to use them in a healthy way and not ignore it all together. With appropriate use at school and home, I think we can accomplish this. I don't want to see kids with their smart phones out in the halls and classrooms, however. Even in high school. Devices for school use (i.e. research) should be provided by the school.
37	anonymous	I am not against my children having access to laptops/tablets provided by the school in order to enhance their learning with appropriate restrictions in place. I appreciate that they are gaining technological literacy during their time at school. I just do not want them to have an option of using their cell phone at school.
38	anonymous	No way to know, I'm not at school with them.
39	anonymous	New generation as technology growth, It should be beneficial.
40	anonymous	Coding classes, navigating the internet and typing.
41	anonymous	The devices used in the classroom under the teacher's supervision and control are great tools and they reflect the modern day utility of digital learning. My child is eager to continue practicing math and reading on digital devices at home due to the familiarity he has acquired in school.
42	anonymous	I have been given no notification that my son uses digital devices at school except for what he has told me casually at home. It would be beneficial for parents to be told which devices and which programs/software are being used in the classroom.
43	anonymous	Their interest in razz kids and mathletics
44	anonymous	Used appropriately tech can support learning. My concerns are more related to social media and the way that many app based games are designed.
45	anonymous	School provided digital devices have helped familiarize my daughter with apps we don't use at home
46	anonymous	I do not think it has made my child any more smarter, or communicative in a positive way.

ID	Name	Responses
47	anonymous	It's important to still learn how to use technology.
48	anonymous	My kids use to use raz kids and mathletics which i think were good learning tools
49	anonymous	They know how to search up information.
50	anonymous	School provided devices can benefit learning opportunities while being easier to ensure they are accessing appropriate material.
51	anonymous	Use of Ipad game graphogame has helped for reading.
52	anonymous	Ability to type rather than handwrite as he struggles to write.
53	anonymous	It's a fast way to learn about something specific.
54	anonymous	Learning to type and use a laptop for word processing purposes
55	anonymous	My son would not have his own device but with his disability he needs extra help and I know it's harder to get access to a laptop// tablet at RSS than BVE for kids with disabilities.
56	anonymous	Technology is a reality of our present day. My children enjoy exploring how technology can help them learn.
57	anonymous	Example: My daughter was able to use school iPads to conduct reserach on a social and science project which provided much more information to her than if she were limited to the books in the library. THAT said, I wish my daughter had been encouraged to use both book and online sources so she had the more focused and (perhaps tedious) task of finding useful information in actual books. Showing a documentary or great educational film to follow a lesson - these are great learning aids - but they're not on a personal device.
58	anonymous	Technology is a tool that when used wisely, can promote and enhance learning, especially those children who require extra assistance/IEPs.
59	anonymous	More confident to use multiple platforms
60	anonymous	Digital devices will be a part of our children's lives in the future. They should learn how to research things, and navigate through different apps on school-provided devices.
61	anonymous	School provided computers and laptops, used for research and work output are beneficial to student learning.

ID	Name	Responses
62	anonymous	Yes school provided allows moderated access to appropriate material
63	anonymous	School-provided devices have enhanced opportunities for learning digital etiquette and relevant skills (coding, critical thinking)
64	anonymous	The math apps mean that if we are away my child can keep up with work I am referring to school provided technology.
65	anonymous	Being able to keep up with family members who live far away - but not during school time
66	anonymous	At home and at school, some apps have helped my child develop his reading and learn more about science and math concepts, in ways that he find engaging.
67	anonymous	They can navigate basic to moderately complex websites to find answers for schoolwork.
68	anonymous	Kids are like sponges they mimic, copy and learn quickly.
69	anonymous	Again, just the school provided ones seem to be used appropriately to create digital competency needed for future education.

12.

If you answered "Yes" to Question #11, please detail below:

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ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Can't read or write or do arithmetic
2	anonymous	Conversations come home about using technology in a classroom and the subject researched seems not at all relevant to education
3	anonymous	Skills like hand writing seem to be suffering. Could be unique to our child.
4	anonymous	My child turns into a person I don't recognize. Can easily become addicted to it and would choose it over playing.
5	anonymous	It became a crutch for entertainment.
6	anonymous	My children do not have a personal digital device

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7	anonymous	Distraction. Desire to play games, watch videos or socialize instead of learning.
8	anonymous	distraction. bullying, harder for the teachers to teach, less fortunate don't have same opportunities of owning devices. internet access is unmonitored etc
9	anonymous	Being bothered to get him one as "everyone has one"
10	anonymous	A strong desire to use it that can lead to meltdowns
11	anonymous	I don't think you should have personal and school devices in the same question, they are not the same thing to me.
12	anonymous	The impact of other children who have over exposure to personal devices impacts social pressures on relationships. This behaviour and use happens outside of school but very much impacts relationships and behaviour at school. I encourage strong guidelines to no use at school to protect our youth.
13	anonymous	They use them as digital babysitters when the teacher is working with other students
14	anonymous	Takes time away from more productive pursuits
15	anonymous	Losing the ability to print/write, too reliant on auto-correct, has difficulty concentrating and gets distracted easier than if wasn't in front of a screen/device.
16	anonymous	My kids don't have their own personal devices
17	anonymous	Trying to sneak YouTube.
18	anonymous	Intense focus on screens
19	anonymous	My child does not have a personal device they bring to school. I do not know how the digital devices affect my child in school but we struggle constantly with them at home.
20	anonymous	I've noticed how distracted my children are by phones if they have access to one. I think it limits their potential to learn.
21	anonymous	Distraction! Lack of self correction and writing drafts, not know how to look up words in a dictionary. Messy printing due to lack of practice (also not learning cursive )
22	anonymous	Your questions of personal or school-provided digital device should be separated into two different questions. Personal devices should not be allowed
23	anonymous	Printing/spelling skills are terrible



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24	anonymous	Over fixation on having screen time
25	anonymous	Other children bringing devices to school detracts from my child's education
26	anonymous	Because they are not allowed personal devices. And I don't think they have had much use of school-provided ones at this point.
27	anonymous	My child uses autocorrect instead of learning to spell. My child often does not type when researching, instead will "ask Siri".
28	anonymous	Ganging up on peers on social media, distraction from learning, inappropriate content
29	anonymous	Social media creates a platform that allows for a whole plethora of issues - creating drama that effects student dynamics in the classroom/school.
30	anonymous	Addiction to screen time.
31	anonymous	Always distracted by the presence of the phone which leads to a lack of focus on anything else.
32	anonymous	Not having the same digital devices at home to carry on the work
33	anonymous	Children bringing their own devices to school with social media on it - very distracting at recess, as an example, as kids are huddled around and not engaging in regular outdoor play.
34	anonymous	Disconnection from family and friends. Addiction leading to conflicts when use is questioned or regulated. Social Media in general is know to be addictive and generally detrimental to overall health, especially in adolescents.
35	anonymous	I'm actually not sure because I'm not 100% clear on how they are using them in the classroom.
36	anonymous	They seem in a bad mood afterwards. It's not the same when they learn from a book or interacting with others.
37	anonymous	My child is less interested in reading and play because he would rather have screen time.
38	anonymous	No way to know, I'm not at school with them.
39	anonymous	No, bc we model healthy digital usage at home and we model it as parents.

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40	anonymous	I think students will be expected to use personal digital devices in universities. I think there should be no personal devices in elementary. Grade 8 to 12 should have a gradual loosening of restrictions.
41	anonymous	Reliance on tech.
42	anonymous	Photo taking without consent from others. Distraction.
43	anonymous	My child wants to "play" reading games instead of read actual books with me
44	anonymous	Interest too quickly with searching on the web before considering other options.
45	anonymous	Ipad's in kindergarten, which over excited my kids, instead of helping them learn. Reading books from a screen, instead of a book, where much of the 'reading' time was spent navigating the software, logging in etc, when they could have been reading (especially when they had a one on one with an adult helper). Kids in the class secretly accessing games on school provided laptops, instead of doing the activity they were meant to. All the kids taught each other how to do it - in grade 3.
46	anonymous	I have heard of other students using their devices inappropriately. We have also received a number of emails from the principal about inappropriate behaviour but never coming from our son.
47	anonymous	Zombie like behaviour when using them.
48	anonymous	It is easy to see a building addiction and reliance over time.
49	anonymous	In a discussion around why one of my daughters preferred to practice math on mathletics, one of her reasons was that it didn't matter if she got everything wrong because her teacher wouldn't even know. (I don't actually know if this is true - perhaps her teacher does follow-up on their progress in mathletics?) In other examples, my two children are already asking for their own cell phones almost weekly because they see so many other students with them as well. One of my daughters admitted to going to the bathroom to meet her other friend there so they could watch a funny video on YouTube. I have no idea what sort of parent controls are/are not on her friends' phones. The lure is so strong with these devices - they are such a huge distraction to all the other good work happening at school. I see a child with a smart watch in my daughter's class who reflexively scrolls through it without even realizing he is doing it - constantly looking for an update even though I know the parent has sent the watch to not send any updates during school hours. It's just a small example of the addictive nature of these technologies on brains who are not yet fully developed to manage them. If we were

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		speaking about my friends' kids in older grades, I would have so much more say. Many frightening and sad stories.
50	anonymous	At this point, cell phone use is not happening in my child's classroom. This is quite different from the experience of our high school-aged child.
51	anonymous	My children talk about about being distracted by other kids using there personal devices in the classroom.
52	anonymous	Yes- but that is up to me as a parent to help manage and place boundaries around. Its up to me as the primary support to my child to help teach them self-discipline, and its great to have this backed up within the school system. Its hard to escape technology, so kids need to learn how to safety use it.
53	anonymous	Distractibility, irritability, reliance on screen
54	anonymous	TikTok videos are lowering my child's attention span
55	anonymous	Using devices at home, they will still get stuck watching screens / videos if left unattended. They would waste an entire day watching videos if allowed. It's not productive, does not encourage physical activity / outdoor time, and bad posture.
56	anonymous	He gets agitated after using technology
57	anonymous	School provided is fine, no personal at school
58	anonymous	The expectation that we allow access to the same kinds of devices and apps/software at home.
59	anonymous	Feeling anxiety
60	anonymous	I think the social ideas around technology for young learners need to change. It became Socially acceptable very quickly. And the effects of technology where un know. Now we know better.
61	anonymous	Distraction
62	anonymous	They develop a desire to have more and more time on a device, then have an out-of-context negative reaction when the device is not offered up for use when requested.
63	anonymous	The school provides lap tops and tablets for educational purposes and I'm fine with that. There should be zero tolerance for personal devices in school. They should be given to

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		the office and picked up at end of day if a parent needs their child to have one. If you put in the trust of the child to keep in their back pack it doesn't work!!! They sneak it out!
64	anonymous	Kids struggle to self regulate their emotions and needs. My kid is in able to sit still with out stimulation
65	anonymous	Personal devices as they are unregulated allow for access to content that can be inappropriate.... personal devices also can be very distracting.

15.

What policies or guidelines would you like to see implemented regarding student use of personal digital devices at school?

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1	anonymous	I would like to see cellphone/smartphone use restricted while class is in session, but smart watches and GPS watches should be allowed.
2	anonymous	NA
3	anonymous	Elementary kids shouldn't be allowed to bring them to school at all
4	anonymous	For question 14. There should be an unsure option. I am unclear of the policy at this time. I think pds are forbidden in classroom unless approved. I would recommend a specific curriculum spanning multiple grades that covers device usage.
5	anonymous	Absolutely none allowed in the school. Especially not in class.
6	anonymous	Personally, I'm ok with bringing devices to school but left in lockers or school bags. They shouldn't be in classroom unless locked in a school mode etc.
7	anonymous	They should be banned at the door via digital device detectors.
8	anonymous	I do not think that students should be allowed personal digital devices at school. They should be put away at the start of the day and accessed at the end. I do not think they should be relied on by teachers
9	anonymous	Complete ban of phones in the classroom.
10	anonymous	No cell phones enter the class room.

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11	anonymous	I don't think cell phones are needed during class time. I do like my child to have access to a cellphone for before and after school while on school property so I can communicate with them before they leave to a friends house or after school activity.
12	anonymous	No personal Devices at school
13	anonymous	absolutely no personal devices allowed at school or in class especially
14	anonymous	Requiring them to be deposited at the office before school and retrieve after
15	anonymous	There should be zero tolerance for personal devices in elementary
16	anonymous	No personal devices at school.
17	anonymous	No cell phones in class
18	anonymous	Cell phones from home don't belong at school. They should be out of sight during the school day.
19	anonymous	Not sure but concerned that with additional restrictions that certain tools for my neurodiverse child will not be available
20	anonymous	No personal devices on school Property
21	anonymous	There should be no cellphones in school
22	anonymous	Put the phones in a bin at the start of class, don't get them back until school ends. In between only school supplies devices.
23	anonymous	In the elementary school, having something like Digital hotels where students can leave their phones for the day. I don't see why personal devices should be used at all.
24	anonymous	None used please
25	anonymous	Only able to access an educational app on their devices during class times.
26	anonymous	There schools be no smart phones in class
27	anonymous	Phones should not be allowed in the classroom.
28	anonymous	Zero tolerance for personal phones at school
29	anonymous	Clear consequences regard volations of personal and school used devices.



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30	anonymous	Should not be allowed
31	anonymous	I believe they should not be used during school time but I do believe they should be able to bring them to school and have them secured somewhere, especially as they get older and are able to travel to and from school alone, so they are able to contact us for safety reasons.
32	anonymous	Complete restriction of personal digital devices from school entirely
33	anonymous	not allowed
34	anonymous	No personal devices except in case of medical reason (including mental health)
35	anonymous	Personal devices should be banned from school.
36	anonymous	Leave them at home.
37	anonymous	Personal devices put away unless needed for support, IEP. No personal devices in elementary schools. In RSS, only during recess.
38	anonymous	Complete ban during school hours
39	anonymous	Full restriction of personal digital devices at elementary school. I support the same at the high school level. There are many more hours in the day children can use their personal devices outside of school. I strongly believe it detracts from their learning.
40	anonymous	At the elementary school level students should not have personal digital devices during class time. Having access to personal digital devices after school time to communicate with parents about their whereabouts as well as they are safety is important.
41	anonymous	I think they are effective at the elementary level. I'm worried about the changes at the high school level.
42	anonymous	I would like it to be an all out ban. No personal digital devices during school hours unless for approved medical use
43	anonymous	Further limitation of use at school across the board
44	anonymous	Personal devices should not be allowed at school. If the school provides tablets for learning a specific skill or researching something that is restricted to sites and activities that can be conducted on it, I am fine with that. Asking kids to pull out their phones singles out kids who don't have them and make them targets.

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45	anonymous	No personal devices at all in elementary school No personal devices in the classrooms of high school.
46	anonymous	Unsure. My hopes would be that parents collectively would wait longer to give their children access to cell phones. I am unsure of what she that would be but certainly they don't need one in elementary school. Maybe 14years + would be more appropriate, with limited access to social media.
47	anonymous	No personal devices allowed at school unless they are learning tools for students with IEPs or support health tracking (diabetes, etc.).
48	anonymous	No phones at school.
49	anonymous	it needs to be mandated across the district for it to work
50	anonymous	Not sure. I trust teachers opinions as they have the most accurate observations. I appreciate a place in the world that doesn't allow PDD's.
51	anonymous	No phone use at all in classrooms and at recess and lunch. Phones must remain in lockers during school hours. This encourages students to actually engage with each other while on breaks as opposed to just scrolling through social media or gaming.
52	anonymous	Zero tolerance
53	anonymous	Would like these devices to be stored in a communal area, locker to be checked at lunch or after school only. Would also like the school to supply one landline phone in office are that students can access to call parent, caregiver, etc. If necessary.
54	anonymous	I think personal devices have no use in the school. I believe if teachers want students to have devices to aid in class and learning than those devices should be school property and assigned as needed.
55	anonymous	I think Personal Digital Devices have no place in an elementary learning environment. They are designed to be distracting to the user but inevitably also create distraction for other students who don't have them. Games, social media and the ease of bullying that can come along with it, inequity creates jealousy and exclusion.
56	anonymous	I think I already answered this. No use of personal digital devices at school should be allowed.
57	anonymous	I think the current guidelines for elementary schools is excellent. I would like to see cell phones restricted at the high school and not used at all during instructional times.

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58	anonymous	no phone use in classrooms. no tolerance / harsh penalties for cyberbullying. discipline for non-adherence with school digital policies
59	anonymous	No use of personal devices during class time
60	anonymous	Students should not need to access personal digital devices while at school.
61	anonymous	Just get rid of them
62	anonymous	Not during school hours. Put them in a designated location until the end of the school day.
63	anonymous	No cell phones in the classroom, completely unnecessary. Digital devices provided by the school for learning purposes only.
64	anonymous	Restricted use of personal devices at all times
65	anonymous	I think there also needs to be parent education on why personal devices don't belong in school, especially during class time
66	anonymous	Use it just in class.
67	anonymous	No personal devices at school. Mostly to avoid time scrolling on a phone while in class.
68	anonymous	I think Personal devices do not belong in the classroom but should be allowed to be accessed outside of it for the purpose of it's intent. Bringing a personal iPad to school is unnecessary unless it is specifically for approved purposes perhaps due to disability or special requirements of a specific child.
69	anonymous	I would be okay with personal digital devices to be restricted within school hours and on school property except for those required for health or other extenuating circumstances. However a landline phone should be made available to children to contact their parents at any time. I have heard of children being denied by the an opportunity to call their parents for support during the school day by the office and so using a friends cell phone instead - not acceptable if this is ever the case.
70	anonymous	I feel that personal devices do not belong on the classroom or in a child's possession at recess... I feel they should left in the child's back pack when they arrive at school and stay there until the day is finished.
71	anonymous	I support a ban on personal devices coming to school but support the use of school tech in the classroom.

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72	anonymous	I would like my kids not to feel social pressure from the school to bring a personal digital device. Example. If the teacher wants to do a piece of their lesson on a computer it should never be done on personal devices.
73	anonymous	Not to bring personal devices to school. I have not heard of any benefit for friends with older children in the school system from elementary to high school. What is needed on the phone that they cannot do without? I do not feel that anything is detrimental.
74	anonymous	None allowed at school. Only school provided tech used.
75	anonymous	I have no problem with schools being cellphone free zones as i think our children need to learn to communicate face to face with friends, teachers, adults, etc.. I do have a problem with the children not being allowed to access a phone aftr school to let me know/or ask permission about going to a friends house or having a friend come over. I think this is something that is very important for their safety. I do not like that this has been taken away from them. There should be a phone at the office that is strictly for their use and can only be used one student at a time. They should not have to ask to use the phone. I do think it needs to be in the office, so as to avoid misuse.
76	anonymous	I would like to see more moderation at a high school level. I would like phones out of classrooms or in a "phone hotel" If it has to be there and some designated device free social spaces.
77	anonymous	No personal devices at school.
78	anonymous	no personal digital devices should be allowed at school.
79	anonymous	I think the revised policy is helpful, I also think it would be worth limiting where students are allowed to use their devices within the school.
80	anonymous	I agree that all digital devices could be banned except for the ones that have just the intention to communicate with a parent such as smartwatches.
81	anonymous	No personal devices at school except for IEP or medical needs.
82	anonymous	I think no personal devices in elementary schools, and very limited use of school devices in k-2. These kids do not need more screen time, they need real-life interaction. I think personal devices should not be used in highschool. Giving kids 6 hours a day without the distraction of phones, social media, is a gift we can give our teens. I think teachers shouldn't use personal devices in classrooms, this created inequality.

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83	anonymous	No personal use at all in elementary. Not even welcomed in school. They can leave them at the office. Some rewards points like the vape would be great at RSS. Points if you play a board game at lunch instead of all looking at your phone.
84	anonymous	no use during elementary grades
85	anonymous	No personal devices during school time and technology for educational activities should be purposeful and time-limited.
86	anonymous	no personal devices on school grounds except after or before school hours but not during breaks/lunch.
87	anonymous	For elementary - no personal digital devices used in schools during school hours, period. I don't see one good reason to allow elementary students to use their personal digital devices in school hours. If students need to check-in/communicate - they can do so after school. I think these boundaries need to be held lovingly and strongly for the benefit of the whole school community.
88	anonymous	I would like to see the high school adopt the policies that the elementary schools have. High school is Free for all, Kids are definitely using them as Negative distraction, are becoming Completely dependent and are losing very important communication skills
89	anonymous	I would like to see a strict district-wide policy that prohibits cell phone use in schools.
90	anonymous	Restrict the use of personal digital devices on school property.
91	anonymous	What is suggested sounds reasonable. AS the parents of a 2023 grad, I also feel like by the time elementary kids reach high school their parents will start worrying about other issues that coming with adolescence. I think the high school was already doing a good job of setting the expectations for responsible phone use, and that parents need to take equal or higher amounts of accountability on. I know that there is a ton of digital literacy programs already in place for students in both elementary and high school settings.
92	anonymous	If child is leaving phone in pocket/out of sight and not a distraction, I would prefer the policy allows them to keep where they desire.
93	anonymous	No personal devices should be allowed at school/on school grounds. It is absolutely unnecessary for elementary aged school children to have personal devices at school.
94	anonymous	I'd like phones to be kept in backpacks or lockers

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95	anonymous	It's still left up to the teacher to police students that are abusing the policy. Students will forget to silence their phone, and will take opportunities like bathroom breaks and recess to use their phones. It doesn't seem effective. I also don't think the RSS policies are strong enough.
96	anonymous	No phones in elementary and it enforced, limited use in high school, only during breaks
97	anonymous	A continued no cell phone policy.
98	anonymous	Not allowed while at school
99	anonymous	Complete ban K-12
100	anonymous	No digital devices allowed in the classroom or at recess. Only before and after school
101	anonymous	No devices for personal use until end of school day.
102	anonymous	No student use of own devices in elementary and only designated area or time in high school. No use of personal devices for school work at school.
103	anonymous	No digital device access for the entire school day to allow proper socialization during breaks.
104	anonymous	When we talk about technology in my household, we group technology with smoking and alcohol. Technology is a tool that has the ability to change, influence And is addictive it is going to be an extremely challenging task building guidelines. But thank you for wanting to make them.
105	anonymous	no usage in any school elementary or high school.
106	anonymous	No devices in the classroom unless there is an extreme accessibility necessity (ie. Major disabilities such as blindness) It's not necessary, a major distraction, and a gateway unto a seriously unsavory world that they may not be well equipped to navigate at this age.
107	anonymous	Id like to see thr use of specified, high quality apps. Id like to see continured education on developing digital awareness of both risks and opportunities.
108	anonymous	No personal devices allowed for students at school. Period. They can access them after class ends and off the school grounds. Phones and social media don't benefit kids as much as we thought they might.

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109	anonymous	I would like to see no child bring a device to school. Make arrangements before school starts. Have a phone to use at school if a parent needs to be called. Keep them out of elementary schools!!!
110	anonymous	Kids should not bring personal devices to school. And all social media and tv should be removed from all school devices
111	anonymous	None whatsoever at elementary levels and only in designated times and locations in secondary.

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Please add any further comments regarding student use of personal digital devices at school.

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1	anonymous	I don't know what questions 17 and 18 are asking
2	anonymous	My child is in grade 1. I see kids in grade 2 with personal digital devices. I see kids texting each other while they are standing in front of each other. This is terrible.
3	anonymous	Should be banned.
4	anonymous	I think that sd19 should make sure that it's budget is sufficient to cover tablets/laptops etc so that all kids are able to access information when necessary, rather than rely solely on personal devices
5	anonymous	I feel teachers should be empowered and comfortable confiscating personal devices if they are a distraction.
6	anonymous	Parental controls around internet access and ability for them to circumvent that, they are more technologically literate then most parents think
7	anonymous	They should be in lockers for older students, and out of sight at all times.
8	anonymous	Again, I don't think that personal devices belong in elementary schools at all. They are not necessary. if digital technology is necessary to enhance learning then schools should be supplying this to children.
9	anonymous	Keep personal devices at home

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10	anonymous	Better to slowly introduce devices and rules. A full on ban causes more curiosity and more distraction when they are allowed to use them.
11	anonymous	The use of phones in the classroom has been proven over and over that it is a huge source of distraction for the kids and the teachers. I am not opposed to digital learning but there should be no room for personal devices. The research is clear and especially for the younger grades it causes more issues inside the classroom then solves.
12	anonymous	Children can not own a device/plan until age 16. It is my belief that schools should obtain permission from parents before allowing the use of a personal device for school work, IEPs. Similar to the permission slip forms sent at the beginning of the school year allowing children to access internet. Schools should have permission to use privately owned device from parents. ( I believe this is more of a high school problem. )
13	anonymous	I don't see why students need personal devices in school. And it puts a lot of peer pressure on those that don't have/bring them. I am looking forward to them being restricted.
14	anonymous	My children do not yet have personal digital devices. I want them to have the opportunity to attend school without the stressful impacts of these devices.
15	anonymous	It would be great to see education for parents on how to monitor use.
16	anonymous	It shouldn't be happening. Students should not be allowed cell phones at school.
17	anonymous	There should be more sessions taught in school to students about appropriate use of digital devices at home, and their negative affects. I'm sure there is some of this, but as a parent I'm not aware of what our kids are being taught.
18	anonymous	Thanks for targeting this topic.
19	anonymous	I think social media is addictive and students (and adults, often) need guidelines and restrictions to manage this addiction. I see no benefit to having phones at school.
20	anonymous	I believe personal digital devices are unnecessary in our schools. If the students need devices then they should be provided by the school for use in class only.
21	anonymous	Digital citizenship and literacy will come to our children anyway. Schools are and will provide enough digital exposure for them to thrive. Personal devices however create far too much distraction and opportunities for bullying, exclusion, separatism, inequality and FOMO. School provides the tools for children to grow and learn. Tech, just like many



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		tools can be used in helpful or harmful ways, let's remove as many distractions as we can to help them gain the knowledge they are there to learn.
22	anonymous	I appreciate that parents are being consulted during this process. Thank you for your work on this!
23	anonymous	We think keeping kids off social media for as long as possible is critical.
24	anonymous	the use of digital devices is the way of the modern world. Prohibiting use is counter-productive and will create the compulsion to hide usage from adults which increases the likelihood of negative digital experiences outside of parental/adult intervention. Teach them appropriate use and inform parents on how to intervene in harrassement AND learn the protection mechanisms within the technology.
25	anonymous	My child is very young and so this isn't a current issue in our household. I think digital devices are inescapable, but kids should be taught to use them for things like music, photographs, research, an also taught very clearly about the dangers and unsafe ways to use them. This is a job for parents and schools but there should be a coherent message and an aspect of team work in doing so.
26	anonymous	Not sure about the use of the word "comfortable" as above here. I am comfortable setting limits and monitoring, but often feel like it is a losing battle because everyone in the family uses there devices too much (including me!). It is a complex issue that needs to be considered in a broader context than just children at school.
27	anonymous	My children are very young so right now it is easy for us to manage their digital device usage, we can just say no. But I'm aware that is only going to get harder as they get older and if other kids start getting smartphones/iPads. So I really welcome the school board addressing this issue, and would like to keep personal digital devices out of Revelstoke schools as much as possible, while accommodating students with extra needs who may find them more beneficial than detrimental.
28	anonymous	My child is not of age yet. Would like to have a not applicable response to the above 17 and 18 question
29	anonymous	I think children and adults a like need to reduce the use of social media in all settings. I think you will have more focused students if they do not have their devices when learning.
30	anonymous	I would like to encourage structured learn to type programs as it sends most students are getting worse not better at this as we have moved to iPads and phones that don't require typing skills.

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31	anonymous	As an adult who uses a device, I know how addicting they can be. I have to constantly regulate my own usage and give myself "media breaks" to wean myself off. A child is far more impressionable and doesn't have as much impulse control. We as adults need to help them with this through strict boundaries of usage and heavily monitor the times when it is being use educationally.
32	anonymous	My child often stays and plays with other kids after school. I would like my child to bring his phone to school so he can let me know what he's doing after school as I work until 5 and feel it is reasonable for him to be able to communicate with me so I know where he is. If he has to go home after school he will stay home and be on the screen.
33	anonymous	The internet and tech have many great advancements, and they have many problems. Allowing kids access to phones in schools is pretty much like sending them into a bar during school time. There are so many dangers on social media, predators seeking out kids, disturbing content online. Tech companies invest billions of dollars in psychology to make tech addictive and to keep people hooked on their devices and platforms and are highly successful at that. Adults struggle to resist, a child or teen brains, they have no chance to compete against that. School should be a safe environment to turn off from that, a place to learn distraction free, a place to learn to really focus, problem solve, and wonder, without constantly having answers, distractions and help at their fingertips. A place to work on resiliency, social, and emotional skills, that involve face to face, real-life interaction.
34	anonymous	Workshop should be recorded so parents could watch them when it suits them. Not everyone can make it in the evening. Thanks
35	anonymous	Digital literacy programs are key in supporting our children education for the current and future learning. However it needs to be specific, purposeful, and balanced with non-digital learning, and nature based learning.
36	anonymous	Just a note on the above - I have no problem setting limits and monitoring screentime use - but the details around best practices and tools I could use more of. While I don't have students in highschool yet, and see that this issue becomes immensely more complex with older students - I still think that firm, consistent, predictable boundaries that help teach that 'there is a time and place for everything' are needed at the highschool level(s). The current code of conduct wording for RSS is so very open. Too open in my opinion. I hope that the policies are much more detailed and protective while still respecting IEP's and the inherent difference between a grade 8 and grade 12 student. THANK YOU for digging deeply into the literature to write policies that uphold what we now know is best for our children. I understand the Free to Focus group has provided much of this literature already.

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37	anonymous	There should be a mandatory requirement for all high school students to receive education and certified completion Course on personal digital device use
38	anonymous	This is such an important issue and the school district has the opportunity create a policy that will positivity impact students lives. We attended all of the Digital Parenting presentation the school district put on this year. I want the school district to align with the information you presented us in these information sessions, protect our children and restrict digital devices.
39	anonymous	Thanks for doing a great job school district, there are already so many pressures put on teachers that should be parental responsibilities, I feel like this is another one of those issues, and appreciate the time and attention SD 19 is investing. Hopefully parents appreciate it.
40	anonymous	In addition to the developmental and educational implications that screens have on children, allowing them to have personal devices in elementary schools further restricts social interaction between students and their peers. Social isolation and the the divide between the haves and the have nots is very real.
41	anonymous	I think it's important for schools and parents to work together to teach their children how to use devices properly. The school should teach how to use these devices the same way they do with other subjects. In a class setting with resources provided by the school. Having kids bring their digital devices to class seems unnecessary and will only lead to more distractions, and social issues.
42	anonymous	I don't believe there is any place for personal electronic devices at the elementary level with the exception of documented heath and or safety concerns.
43	anonymous	Children should interact with each other and not be on a phone.
44	anonymous	On the balance of probability, there is a lot of compelling (albeit circumstantial) evidence that devices (and by extension, social media) have had a deleterious effect on teen mental health. Since it's far from an absolute requirement, just make things fair and even for everyone by banning the use during school hours.
45	anonymous	Please keep personal digital devices out of school, but keep them engaging in face-to-face interactions, games, and being kids.
46	anonymous	The board needs to understand how detrimental smart phones are. Do the research! Don't be afraid to be ahead of the curve!!!

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47	anonymous	Please remove personal devices from school K-7 property and please limit the amount of access of digital content from school K-7 provided content
48	anonymous	I'm concerned that this survey may give skewed results as to the grouping of personal and school provided devices together. I fully support a robust digital competency for future generations, but in the school environment this should be only on provided devices for better tracking and control of content as well as avoiding possible stigma for students who can't afford tech/ or aren't provided it by their family. I'm not a technophobe nor a ludite. My children have access to digital devices at home, but not unmonitored and always in family spaces. It is used as a tool, not as a crutch.