

# RSS Personal Digital Devices Survey for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

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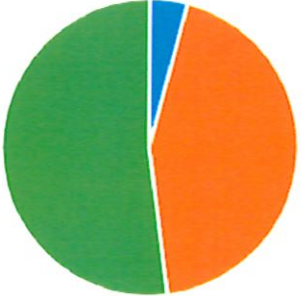
1. Grade of your child(ren) (check all that apply):

● 8th Grade	28
● 9th Grade	14
● 10th Grade	30
● 11th Grade	15
● 12th Grade	16

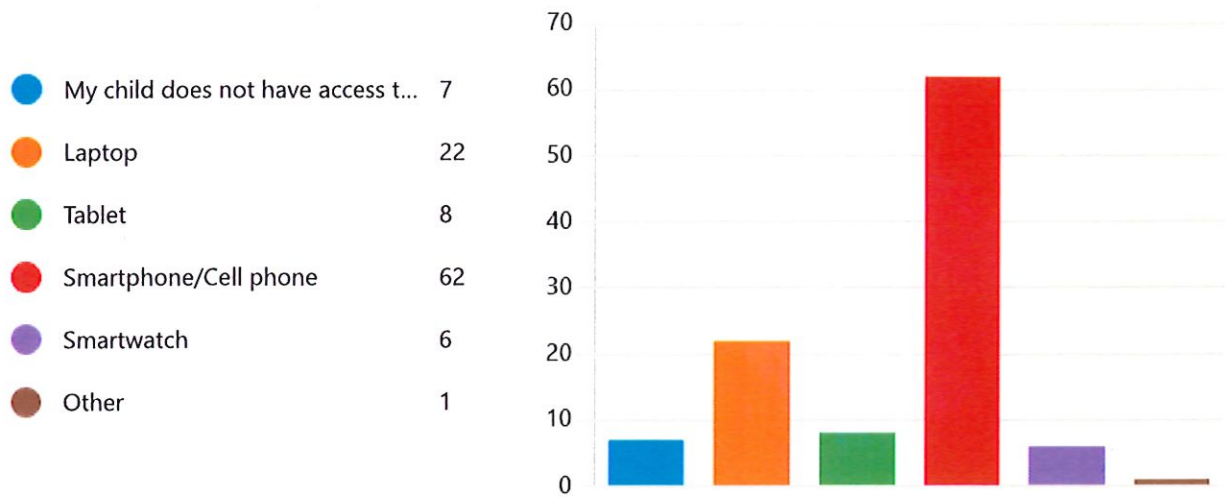


2. Do you approve of your child's use of personal digital devices at school?

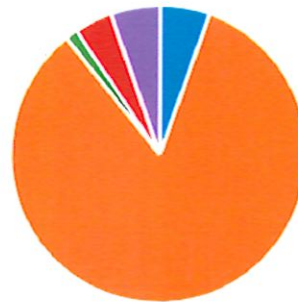
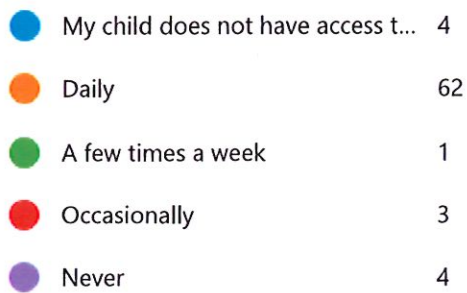
● My child does not have access t...	3
● Yes	32
● No	38



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

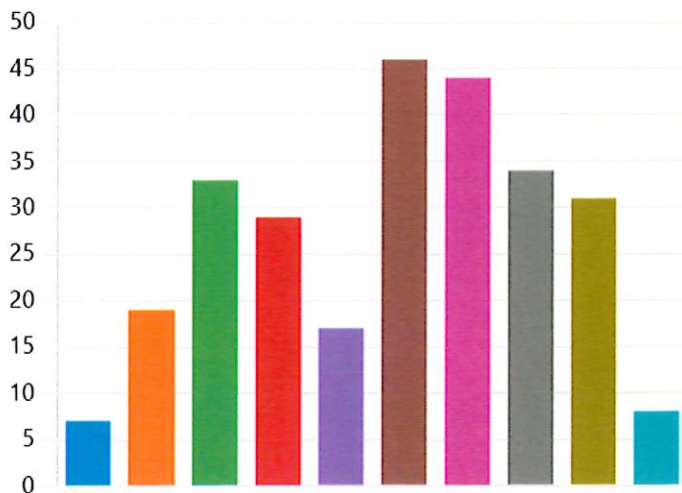


4. How often does your child bring their personal digital devices to school?



5. For what purpose does your child use their personal digital device at school? (check all that apply)

- My child does not bring these d... 7
- Taking notes/taking photos of n... 19
- Researching instructional inform... 33
- Communicating with teachers/cl... 29
- Completing assignments 17
- Communicating with home/par... 46
- Listening to music 44
- Accessing social media 34
- Playing games 31
- Other 8



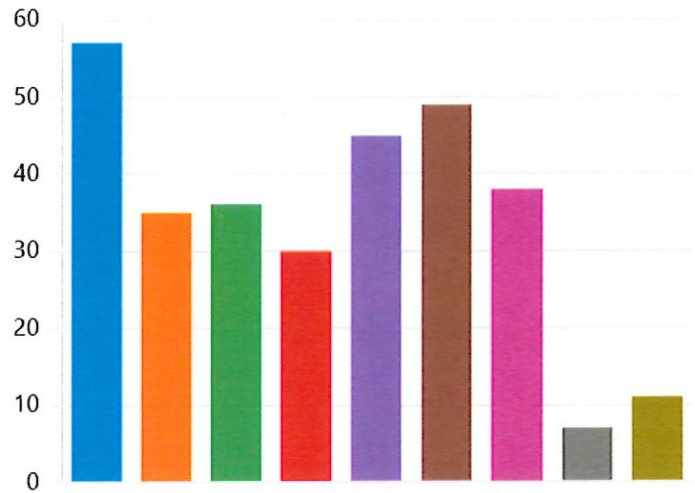
6. How beneficial do you think personal digital devices are for your child's learning?

- Very beneficial 10
- Somewhat beneficial 13
- Neutral 11
- Somewhat detrimental 15
- Very detrimental 25



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

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Distraction from learning	57
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Access inappropriate content	35
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Cyberbullying	36
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Health issues (i.e. neck strain, po...	30
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Over-reliance on technology	45
<span style="color: brown;">●</span> Mental health issues (i.e. anxiety...	49
<span style="color: pink;">●</span> Harmful effects of inappropriate...	38
<span style="color: gray;">●</span> There are no concerns	7
<span style="color: olive;">●</span> Other	11



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

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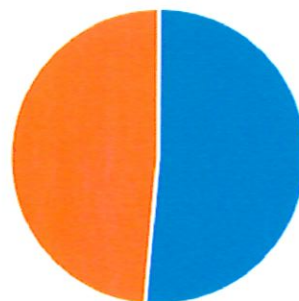
*"Mental health and health issues "*

*"Distracting from learning in general when in class. The post...*

*"As a parent and a teacher, over-reliance on -- I change this ...*

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

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	38
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	36



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

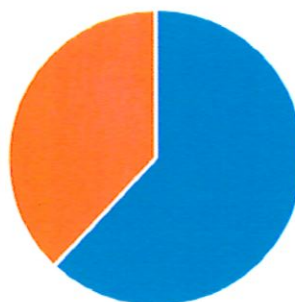
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*"It does make for some fun activities -- such as when they've ..."*

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

● Yes 46  
● No 28



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

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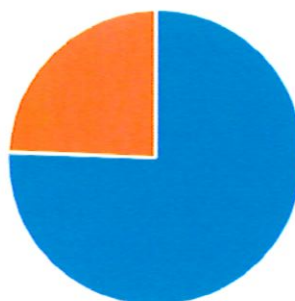
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*"Distraction, increased anxiety."*

*"See above -- plus the ridiculous distraction they have when ..."*

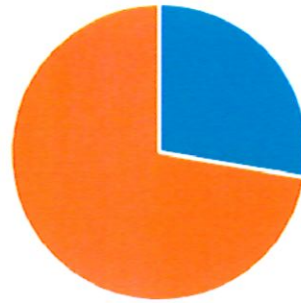
13. Are you aware of the proposed changes to the 2024-2025 RSS Code of Conduct in relation to student use of personal digital devices?

● Yes 56  
● No 18



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

● Yes	20
● No	52



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

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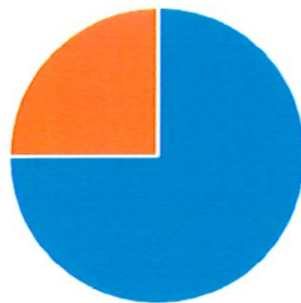
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*"All phones away during class time. My child will be going in...*

*"NO PHONES DURING CLASS TIME AT SCHOOL! MANDATO...*

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

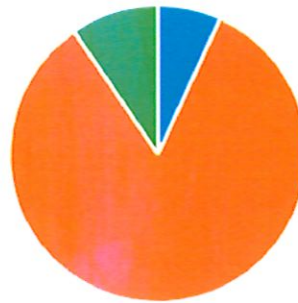
● Yes	54
● No	18





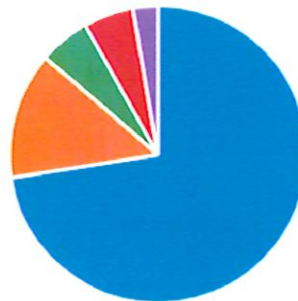
17. In the case of your child's smartphone/cell phone, who owns the device (i.e. who signed the contract)?

● My child does not have access t...	5
● Parent	61
● Child	7



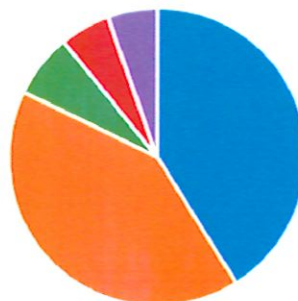
18. How comfortable are you with setting rules about your child's personal digital devices?

● Very comfortable	53
● Somewhat comfortable	10
● Neutral	4
● Somewhat uncomfortable	4
● Very uncomfortable	2



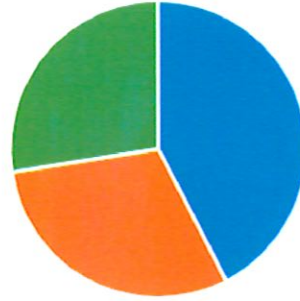
19. How comfortable are you in monitoring your child's use of personal digital devices?

● Very comfortable	30
● Somewhat comfortable	30
● Neither comfortable nor uncom...	5
● Somewhat uncomfortable	4
● Very uncomfortable	4



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

● Yes	31
● No	22
● Maybe	20



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

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*"We have rules in our home but it's a battle in school. So mu...*

*"Human brains keep developing until age 25ish. I have been ...*



thinking

achievement

dynamic

connected

flexible

skill-based

student-centered

collaborative

motivating

intentional

transformative

**inclusive**

authentic

captivating

holistic

inspiring

personalized

pride

engaging

experiential

equitable

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8.

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	Distraction is the main problem
2	anonymous	Cyberbullying
3	anonymous	reduced social interaction, distraction from learning
4	anonymous	Reliance on tech and inappropriate content
5	anonymous	All of the above
6	anonymous	Lack of social interaction with their peers at break time. So important for the development of soft skills and also just to give their wired up brains a break!
7	anonymous	Distraction from Learning/Access Inappropriate Content/Cybebullying/Mental Health Issues
8	anonymous	Mental health issues: stemming from a lack of real-world confidence, socialization, resilience, independence, and personal reliance.
9	anonymous	Tech addiction, distraction, anxiety, cyberbullying
10	anonymous	Mental health issues
11	anonymous	I find my children use their cell phones in classes they are not engaged in. They have never complained about a teacher that has asked them to turn phones off in class when they are learning and working hard.
12	anonymous	Distraction from learning.
13	anonymous	Over-reliance
14	anonymous	distractions, distracting others, effects on cognition and development
15	anonymous	Addiction to screens is real. Only necessary for research based projects and word processing
16	anonymous	Mostly a distraction from learning

ID	Name	Responses
17	anonymous	Distraction from learning
18	anonymous	Addiction. Rely too much on personal devices.
19	anonymous	Mental health
20	anonymous	Access inappropriate content
21	anonymous	Distraction from learning
22	anonymous	Mental health related issues - constant source of distraction and entertainment which prevents meaningful connections w peers/teachers. Contributes to adhd like symptoms
23	anonymous	Distraction from learning/ over reliance
24	anonymous	Distraction from learning
25	anonymous	Cyber Bullying Distraction From Learning Mental Health Issues Harmful Effects of Inappropriate Use
26	anonymous	mental health (which includes cyber bullying)
27	anonymous	Distraction from learning
28	anonymous	Distraction
29	anonymous	Simply having access to his personal device he is distracted and scrolling. Having this in the classroom with access to any type of content he wants not to mention the notifications are distracting. There is no place for a personal device in the classroom and especially for the younger grades
30	anonymous	mental health
31	anonymous	Over-reliance on technology
32	anonymous	NOT being able to focus to complete tasks
33	anonymous	Harmful affects of inappropriate use
34	anonymous	Distraction to learning
35	anonymous	Access to inappropriate content, cyber bullying, mental health
36	anonymous	The inability to concentrate.

ID	Name	Responses
37	anonymous	distraction from learning and mental health issues
38	anonymous	Access of inappropriate content
39	anonymous	Distraction from learning. Having a child diagnosed with ADHD I cannot see how a PDD has a positive outcome on my child's learning environment.
40	anonymous	Mental Health Issues.
41	anonymous	We have no idea what the cumulative effect of phones' relentless disruption to attention and delivery of /addiction to the dopamine "likes" will have in developing brains. Very concerned that these devices are causing much more harm than good. My older son chose to give up his smart phone and reports feeling much happier and clear minded now.
42	anonymous	Impacts to development, mental health and a narrow scope of coping mechanisms, addiction
43	anonymous	distraction to learning
44	anonymous	Cyber bullying and mental health but these can happen just as easily outside of school hours.
45	anonymous	In terms of learning, my biggest concern with use of personal devices in the classroom is about the distraction they cause.
46	anonymous	Distraction from learning
47	anonymous	Addiction. In particular not participating in the many activities Revelstoke has to offer because he can get a quick dopamine fix from a game with no effort or investment.
48	anonymous	My daughter is not allowed to bring her phone to school, but I feel helpless to stop her. I have tried numerous strategies but have limited time and abilities to hold my ground and ensure she doesn't have it with her on her way to school. She does not need it at school. She feels like she cannot survive socially at school unless she has it with her and has access to the apps her friends have access to. She says that she has to be able to use the apps at school or won't be invited to be with her friends.
49	anonymous	Mental health
50	anonymous	Distraction

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51	anonymous	Mental health; the majority of other issues listed all play a significant role/impact on a Childs health and well being
52	anonymous	Mental health
53	anonymous	Mental Health
54	anonymous	Addiction to the phone
55	anonymous	Cyberbullying and mental health issues
56	anonymous	As a parent and a teacher, over-reliance on -- I change this phrase to 'ADDICTION to' technology -- is the most concerning, as it leads to all the other issues. As a parent and a teacher, I posit that parents actually have no idea how much their kids are using phones in school and at home -- late into the night -- or if they do know at home, they are for some reason not seeing this as a problem. As a teacher, I see both the effects of late-night use ("I'm so tired; I was on my phone til 2am") and the in-class use (at any split-second lull, the phones come out of pockets bcz they've either refused to put them in the phone hotel, or they say they have put them away and then they -- almost unknowingly -- pull them out again).
57	anonymous	Distracting from learning in general when in class. The posture for the neck is harmful in long term.
58	anonymous	Mental health and health issues

10.

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

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ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	With most assignments (Microsoft teams) being submitted online and or communicated it gives my child the option to check daily. They also have group chats (teachers included) that have discussion positive ones outside of school. We are currently evolving in a time where technology is a way of life and it's unfortunately that there is a handful who don't support it. It also gives a way for conversation pieces as classes like photography can be done on the phones and I know my son gets very excited to come and show his pictures he has done! They also have the blocks on the calendar so they know classes and gives them a sense of calmness know what and where they need to be.

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2	anonymous	They are organized and always know where they need to be and what they need to be working on.
3	anonymous	Only school devices- research, typing and simply having access to tech for some students
4	anonymous	They are a tool which can help students when used appropriately. i.e. scheduling, math, information accessibility.
5	anonymous	Research and access to information/data on-line
6	anonymous	Some kahoots seem appropriate for educational purposes
7	anonymous	I think it gives them a computer at their finger tips for research and communicating with their teachers and peers.
8	anonymous	Researching information for classes or tutorials if they don't understand. My kids are able to reach out to me if they are struggling with a situation and need support as well as being able to contact me for a pick up if they are feeling unwell, physically or emotionally.
9	anonymous	Accessibility to information has increased
10	anonymous	Learning to type and to research
11	anonymous	Yes, researching answers to all sorts of questions, such as "how to" when the results come from credible sites. Also for creative inspiration/ideas - such as sites like Pinterest.
12	anonymous	When it's controlled group learning tasks.
13	anonymous	Access to information. Sometimes she can focus better when she has music playing.
14	anonymous	My children have ADHD. It is incredibly helpful for them to listen to music while working/studying. It is well documented in ADHD science that listening to music can help individuals stay focused. However, when students are relying on using their own devices for this purpose, it comes with too many negative consequences as they can be distracted by other features the device provides. I would like to see the school provide other ways to get around this problem. I.e., providing ways to listen to music that does not rely on personal devices
15	anonymous	Ease of contacting friends/co-students regarding assignments
16	anonymous	TERRIBLE QUESTION, this is certainly NOT A BINARY issue (yes or no)



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17	anonymous	They can access information on the internet quickly
18	anonymous	Was helpful to connect over Covid- was expected to have and use then. No do we did-hard to take away now
19	anonymous	Listening to music, making his own choices
20	anonymous	Demonstrating responsible use of technology and everyone having access to it.
21	anonymous	use of PowerPoint
22	anonymous	So much information and ability to communicate right in your hand.
23	anonymous	Greater access to more information for learning
24	anonymous	Sometimes there are very other disruptive students in classes. While doing as assignment (writing or reading) my child can listen to music which helps focus attention on the assignment.
25	anonymous	When used appropriately they help her become more proficient in technology.
26	anonymous	My child has used their device for communication with teachers and to complete assignments at school.
27	anonymous	Society fights all new things, seatbelts, microwaves, radio, video games. We need to learn to work with the changes, not ban.
28	anonymous	I think there is a time and place and school provided devices can provide access to information required to research and complete studies
29	anonymous	Support for learning with dyslexia. Access to tools and resources that help put them on a more level playing field with other students.
30	anonymous	Note taking, math assistance app
31	anonymous	From what the school has told me, she does not need her phone for any learning at school.
32	anonymous	He has learned all sorts of ways tech can help learning - for research, to check facts, shortcuts, etc
33	anonymous	Photo of notes.

ID	Name	Responses
34	anonymous	Yes my child uses technology to help them spell and communicate
35	anonymous	School provided laptops and computers, used for research and work output are beneficial to all students. Research greatly supports the many negative affects cell phones are having on our youth. Personal devices should be left at home or in backpacks.
36	anonymous	They use them often for research and school related work. There isn't enough technology in the school for the kids to use and need their phones when used appropriately.
37	anonymous	Having assignments available at home
38	anonymous	My kids do not use these devices, but I do see their peers with them and they are far more distracted by them and when I talk to the kids they all say that bullying and harassment is out of control
39	anonymous	It does make for some fun activities -- such as when they've done a photo scavenger hunt, or being able to send pictures of their work back and forth with their classmates when studying at home to check their answers -- but the negatives FAR outweigh the positives. E.g., instead of reading a textbook thoroughly -- and learning how to do that, e.g., annotating, identifying key words, summarizing, knowing what a Table of Contents is compared to an index -- they just look up answers on their phones -- they don't even bring their textbooks home most of the time.

12.

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

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ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Lacking ability to problem solve without using the internet
2	anonymous	inability to focus
3	anonymous	Over reliance on technology by both teachers and students (and parents) has real consequences. Everyday. As a parent I work very hard to limit the use of social media and an over reliance on these little satellites in our pockets. They have their place. But I feel like I'm fighting the school at every turn. My kids have serious mental health issues. Often from things they were first shown/exposed to at school. By teachers. Not by other students. The bullying, sextortion, etc are almost just afterthoughts. Kids need a place

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		where the notifications are turned off and they can be fully present. Ask me to keep the phones at home—I will.
4	anonymous	Tech addiction, distraction, anxiety
5	anonymous	Inequality to those who don't have e cell phones, supports addictive behaviours to cell phone usage
6	anonymous	Reduced person to person interaction.
7	anonymous	Kids being disruptive by playing music and class and not turning it off when asked by the teacher. Students photographing and videoing other students in class then distributing it to others to mock them. Students discretely watching videos in class instead of paying attention to teacher. Kids using their phones to cheat on exams. One student took photos of another in the change room and send it to others to mocks them. Another student catfished a classmate and then distributed explicit videos of the to other classmates. The list goes on and on.
8	anonymous	Always connected
9	anonymous	more easily distracted and reports back from teachers he distracts others
10	anonymous	He quickly becomes obsessed with screens and is highly distracted by them an unable to listen if he is staring at one
11	anonymous	My daughter is addicted to her phone because she experiences FOMO when she cannot access her social group on such as Snapchat. I have noted TikTok is a distractive time waster.
12	anonymous	They access there phone during class time when they should not be
13	anonymous	Distraction from school tasks during class time
14	anonymous	Impatience, whenever "bored" or li Roy turn to devices to entertain instead of reaching out or being creative
15	anonymous	Lack of focus. Distraction.
16	anonymous	easy distracted, half-listening, short attention, less in-person interaction with co-students
17	anonymous	Cannot concentrate on work Distracted Lazy (All personal Use)

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18	anonymous	NOT A BINARY QUESTION - we have certainly noticed it and managed it as best as we can, but certainly see appalling impacts to our students, teachers and overall quality of education - its a race to the bottom in this town.
19	anonymous	Distraction
20	anonymous	Distracting, teachers 'expect' kids to have and rely on even if they don't- now needing to type papers but no typing classes- kids do not have this skill! Paper writing is very painful! They know how to text not type
21	anonymous	Distractions
22	anonymous	Distraction. Spelling is terrible because he can use his personal device to get the correct spelling and its easy to not have to work through a problem to solve when you can get the answer at the ready.
23	anonymous	Neither of my children have access to social media on their phones. There are strict parental controls on their phones. But there is great peer pressure to get more games, and if they are not on their phones during breaks or lunch, they are looking at their friends playing on their phones. There is no more communication with their peers and my children don't know how to talk to their friends .
24	anonymous	Seems to be addicted to scrolling on social media.
25	anonymous	Lack of concentration. Inability to study and retain information.
26	anonymous	Chat GPT
27	anonymous	I feel my child tends to over rely on these devices for educational purposes, when perhaps they would have benefitted by researching in books etc.
28	anonymous	Focus is a child especially for boys of the teen age. School should be treated seriously and without unnecessary distractions. If we continue to allow PDD on class tables and during class we are basically saying that You can operate Your PDD at all times of day irrespective of what You are doing. As an outdoor educator I have the good fortune to teach concepts and skills in areas which are devoid of an internet connection and it is staggering to me how much more effective the learning becomes when it is in the absence of PDDs. I notice this with adults and children alike. Focus is key and the PDD robs our young minds of this opportunity.
29	anonymous	Constant Social Media Use.
30	anonymous	distracted in school and easily bored. The teacher has to compete with the phone

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31	anonymous	Addiction and limited skills in coping with adversity. Prior to entering RSS my child had limited use of devices and did not take a be to school; once at RSS my child developed a reliance on their device for any moment that they were uncomfortable or bored. My child said that they needed to bring their device to school because teachers relied on them for in class activities and they were encouraged to go on their device once their class work was completed (I don't believe there was monitoring to ensure class work was actually completed).
32	anonymous	they are always on it, distractions,
33	anonymous	Stigma among kids. Labelling of "iPad kids" as a negative to those who need learning supports.
34	anonymous	My child does not have a cell phone (she does have access to an ipad and laptop at home). At school this year, she has regularly felt excluded/left out when teachers ask the student to use their cell phones for a class activity and when they allow kids to use cell phones for free time at the end of class.
35	anonymous	The constant distraction of the phone interrupts the ability to focus on school (homework) tasks. Chat GPT and paraphrasing tools are being used instead of thinking for oneself.
36	anonymous	As mentioned above, addiction resulting to wasting time playing a game. Without constant parental intervention my child would game all day a do very little outside. It seems it's robbed him of motivation to participate in the many extra curricular activities available in Revelstoke. Also loss of sleep and potential issues in communication (a stutter) may be attributed to devices and lack of good rest. Although know certainty on that.
37	anonymous	My daughter needs a break from the pressures of social media and apps, she is so anxious and she is addicted to her device. Please remove all cell phones from the school. As a parent I don't have the capacity or weight to keep it from her while she is at school. Please give all students the break they need from these apps that prey on youth to get them networking socially and dependent on their apps. Please.
38	anonymous	distractibility, irritability, a children's access to content far beyond their ability to understand and ahead of our ability as parents, teachers to educate in preparation for this information. Constant private communication of children, private chat groups, is a breeding ground for cyberbullying.
39	anonymous	Cell phones take away from the many social interactions that happen at school. Students should be interacting with each other and not their phones.

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40	anonymous	Obsession with being on social media and self esteem issues
41	anonymous	I don't think I have a clear answer.
42	anonymous	Comparative behavior, my kids feel left out for not having these devices even though they say that they are better off without them, they still feel left out of the group. Aside from my choice to not allow cellphones, there are families that cannot afford these devices and additional plans on limited income and it makes the financial gap more visibly obvious
43	anonymous	See above -- plus the ridiculous distraction they have when studying -- yes, they're conversing with their friends about the assignments, but then 10 seconds later they're scrolling thru Instagram. It's such an easy distraction that they take much longer to do their work than is necessary.
44	anonymous	Distraction, increased anxiety.

15.

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

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1	anonymous	I don't think they should have them at lunch or break
2	anonymous	I feel that each teacher has guidelines set out and each child who has a smart device or phone are aware and respect the policies and guidelines that the school has in place
3	anonymous	I agree that phones should not be used in the classroom unless under the teachers direction or instruction to do so. However I would disagree with anyone taking away my students watch.
4	anonymous	No phone
5	anonymous	A consistent ban in all classrooms. I don't think there is any place for smart phones in a learning environment.
6	anonymous	No cell phones during school hours at all.
7	anonymous	No use in class unless specifically required by coarse or approved Teacher.



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8	anonymous	Personal phones should be banned from use for the entire school day so kids connect socially in real life. School provided digital devices are an important part of education in today's digital world. It would be crazy to limit their use! Social media is the problem
9	anonymous	Phone not permitted in the Classroom Setting.
10	anonymous	I'd like phones away and or left at home for the duration of the school day. If the school needs more laptops and tablets; then we can fundraise or something. But those devices should not be loaded with any social media, games, etc. if this isn't possible, bring back the pens and paper. It sounds dramatic. It might be. And yes we need to teach kids about technology but there is no way it's being used responsibly. I can't control a few kids and I know, for fact, that a poor teacher can't control 20-30. Have an airport "phone" room in case a kid needs to make a call or check on something important. I don't care what you do. Get the phones out and stop kidding yourself that these devices are helping our kids.
11	anonymous	Please implement a no phone policy at school
12	anonymous	Jr students should not have any use for cell phones in the classroom. Each class should have them in a phone hotel. In Sr classes, I think they would have a better understanding of appropriate use. Although, if the teacher requires cell phones in class for educational purposes, those should be made clear as to what will be used for and why at the start of the semester. If they aren't required and students are not able to manage appropriate usage, then phones should go in phone hotels.
13	anonymous	I think it is reasonable to ask kids to put their phones away with the warning that if they are out they will be with the teacher for the remainder of the class. With this the teachers also needed to be providing kids with engaging information. Kids deserve the opportunity to show they can be responsible with their devises.
14	anonymous	Complete ban on cell phones in the classroom. They should be kept in the locker and only accessed at breaks.
15	anonymous	complete ban during school hours
16	anonymous	No phones in the classrooms at all. Only use outside school during designated breaks
17	anonymous	I trust the school board's position. I believe their position has the student's best interest in mind because it comes from an informed point of view. I would be supportive of broad measures increasing phone-use restrictions. Increased restrictions at school would provide me with better leverage to manage phone use at home (as a team). "Improved Management" could be out collective goal

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18	anonymous	No phones during school day. Teachers following through - use phone hotels as not all do
19	anonymous	Put a ban on devices starting with Grade 8s. 9&10 should have limited access. 11&12 should be able to make their own choice about devices
20	anonymous	Strictly for learning.
21	anonymous	Students putting phones in a "phone hotel" during class time.
22	anonymous	No devices during school hours - return to calculators, laptops or desk tops for research and phone home if needed
23	anonymous	No personal devices in ANY classroom
24	anonymous	No daily devices in class, only occasionally when specifically needed for assignment. Can have different policies for grade 8, 9, 10 vs grade 11, 12 as they mature and learn their own responsibility for their success.
25	anonymous	No phones in the classroom. They are a huge distraction and not a learning tool. Writing on paper triggers a different part of the brain than just reading something online, cell phone or text. Talking by the teacher/professor and note taking is way more efficient. If there is an emergency, there is an office with all of the students contacts that can be contacted. Waivers are signed at the beginning of the year in case of an emergency for the school to go ahead and make decisions. Phones need to go and screen time limited to classroom and educational purposes in short increments.
26	anonymous	Follow John Haidt's work, and more specifically the guidance of the Let Grow Foundation - get SD19 'Let Grow' CERTIFIED! <a href="https://letgrow.org/program/educators/">https://letgrow.org/program/educators/</a>
27	anonymous	Should not be allowed to be on during class times- on mute only and in their backpacks not pockets
28	anonymous	I agree and think phones should not be allowed in class
29	anonymous	I don't think students should have personal devices in the classroom. It is distracting for everyone. They can leave them in their locker until lunch or the end of the day.
30	anonymous	incorporating the use of personal devices to the benefit of learning
31	anonymous	In high school don't see an issue with digital devices. We are trying to raise our children to succeed in our society technology is a part of that. It is important to be able to communicate with my children, texting does this with ease.

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32	anonymous	I think it's ridiculous that kids were allowed to have personal devices in class, seriously, how the hell are they going to concentrate. I fully support any/all measures to get personal devices out of the class rooms.
33	anonymous	Preferably no phones in class. Other options to find information or complete tasks.
34	anonymous	Use for only research in class
35	anonymous	Neutral
36	anonymous	I think kids should not be allowed to have cell phone during class time
37	anonymous	No PDD's or distractions during class time. No PDD in class or in learning environments. PDD's must be kept in students locker while the students attend class.
38	anonymous	I think that limiting usage in the classroom is great. I don't think RSS would be able to enforce a total ban.
39	anonymous	No use of phones during classroom time. Bring back a computer/laptop/ipad/book for classroom use.
40	anonymous	I would like to see the teachers held accountable for following policies/guidelines; teachers to not allow students to go on devices once their class work is done; teachers to commit to using the hotels; curriculum that builds students' other coping skills and awareness about the negative impacts of devices.
41	anonymous	no personal devices allowed in class
42	anonymous	Not sure
43	anonymous	I would like to see a strict cell phone policy for RSS where kids leave their phones at home or, if they bring them, they stay in their locker all day.
44	anonymous	Yes, phones can be useful tools. But I would like to see kids interacting face-to-face with each other during breaks and at lunch. Maybe kids don't need access to phones at school at all - aside from before and after school hours (ie. for communication purposes with parents). Any school-related work can be done on school provided laptops, computers and tablets during class time only.
45	anonymous	No personal devices allowed in the school. If a student needs to communicate with a parent then install a couple of phones (landlines) or go to the office.

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46	anonymous	Please make all students keep their cell phones at home. If they need to communicate with parents then they can use an office phone. If they have concerns about employers being able to reach them then store their phones in the office (phone hotels?) and they can check messages there. Honestly, please, entire countries have banned cell phones from high schools. Revelstoke can do this.
47	anonymous	I think phones should be allowed at school, but not in classrooms.
48	anonymous	Use of phones only in classroom if needed for classroom work
49	anonymous	If child is able to leave phone out of sight and not distracting others or themselves, would like to see policy allow child that ability to regulate use when appropriate. I do not believe that teachers should be able to take personal devices from students.
50	anonymous	No personal hand held devices should be allowed in any learning HUB at any time. This should include between classes. Let's give our children a chance to connect on a real level with their peers.
51	anonymous	I think it would greatly benefit all of our kids to implement a no cell phone policy at RSS.
52	anonymous	Ban phone use at school
53	anonymous	I think it should be up to the teacher if they want to use them. Kids need to be taught when it's appropriate. If its aproblem, then they loose them.
54	anonymous	I don't know sorry.
55	anonymous	Just no, we had a student landline to call out on when we went to school and that was fine, these devices are not necessary at school.
56	anonymous	NO PHONES DURING CLASS TIME AT SCHOOL! MANDATORY FROM ADMIN; DO NOT LEAVE IT TO THE TEACHERS TO ENFORCE THIS -- THIS SENDS A MIXED MESSAGE AND RESULTS IN LARGE AMOUNTS OF CLASS TIME TAKEN UP ON PHONE CONFLICTS. SD10 JUST MADE THEIR POLICY TO BE THIS. I MIGHT GO SO FAR AS TO SAY NO PHONES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AT ALL (IT'S SO FRUSTRATING TO WALK DOWN THE HALLS DURING BREAK AND LUNCH AND SEE MOST OF THE STUDENTS ON THEIR PHONES) -- WHEN A SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS (INCLUDING ONE OF MY CHILDREN) DID THIS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO FOR A PILOT PROJECT, THEIR FEEDBACK WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE! WE KNOW PHONES ARE ADDICTIVE, THE SCIENCE HAS THE RESULTS; WE DON'T ALLOW OTHER ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCES IN SCHOOL (ALCOHOL, DRUGS (YES, VAPING IN A DESIGNATED AREA, BUT I DON'T AGREE WITH THAT EITHER), SO WHY ARE WE ALLOWING PHONES? AGAIN, THE NEGATIVES GREATLY OUTWEIGH THE POSITIVES.

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		Re: school-provided devices, if the school can limit research to a few sites, or block gaming sites, that would be great. Many students instantly go to gaming and gambling sites when on their laptops, as well as other sites that have no connection with what they're supposed to be doing. Teachers cannot watch 25 students at a time on laptops or even desktops in the library.
57	anonymous	All phones away during class time. My child will be going into grade 11. I would have wished that in grade 8 and 9 they were never aloud in school, with grade 10,11 and 12 always in a phone hotel. (In every class!) It doesn't work if some teachers in the lower grades don't follow the policy!!! Music, Art French, foods !!! Needs to be discussion and education.
		21. Please add any further comments regarding student use of personal digital devices at RSS. 30 responses30Responses

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1	anonymous	Teachers need to be on the same page about this. The fact teachers are on their phones is interesting and some tell students they need to have phones so there seems to be a discrepancy between teachers and sd19 policy
2	anonymous	I feel that a child should have the security of knowing that they have access to the property if and need be. The rules RSS have set out are respected by most students and parents. I also am aware that Id a child does not have access to a phone and or smart device they can get one at the school. If a parent doesn't not want a child learning and or using their phone that is a choice My child is trusted and allowed, and I feel we and they should not have that taken away due to other parents complaining
3	anonymous	Please ban phones from schools including break time.
4	anonymous	I monitor (probably to excess) my kids' phones. They still manage to outsmart me. I know they and their friends outsmart the school. Workplaces had to start blocking employees from social media etc. teachers should NEVER use social media as a form of communication. I don't care if it's just a messaging function, it still requires a parent allows the child to download a social media app. Phones are helpful. I get it. I open my garage, do my banking, buy stocks, and make a doctor's appointment all from my phone. There is a push for the right to disconnect and this is how I see phone use at school: these kids experience social pressure to have/use their personal devices. Not in the band chat? That's ok, you can get the info elsewhere we're told. But the real issue is the kids ARE actually left out. Even if they only feel left out because the entire team is on a team

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		<p>chat. School should be a place where they have the right to disconnect without suffering social or academic consequences. Nevermind that there are also kids with barriers to full participation in the digital world (disability, economics, parents refusing to allow a phone) and these kids shouldn't be penalized for disconnecting during school hours. If I, as a parent, choose to turn off my child's phone, for any reason, this should not affect them at school. But it does. I think administration and teachers are not honest about the amount of schooling done while utilizing devices. Ask me to keep the phones at home. I will. I fear for these kids. We are failing them.</p>
5	anonymous	Please implement a no phone policy at RSS
6	anonymous	<p>Tighter restrictions need to be set by the school district for digital usage at school. It is so prevalent and no kid wants to be that kid whose parents told him he can't do what everyone else is doing. It will just lead to them not fitting in or the kid rebelling against what they will perceive as unreasonable rules.</p>
7	anonymous	The more limitations the better.
8	anonymous	I think we could implement better digital-use practices by integrating ( both at home/school) our approach to managing our children's digital devices.
9	anonymous	Need to implement no phones in the classroom. Not necessary for student learning and very distracting.
10	anonymous	I can attempt to set limits and monitor but my child is always 5 steps ahead of me in figuring out technology.
11	anonymous	<p>In regards to questions 18/19, my answers are not accurate because the way this survey is set up forces me to answer for both children with the same answers. However, as they are in grade 8 &amp; 12, considerations are very different. I am comfortable with complete control over my younger child's digital access, whereas my older child has more freedom with his. This is an incredibly important distinction</p>
12	anonymous	<p>I think this is a very good idea and I back it up %110. My child has an allergy to peanuts and analpylactic but the school knows what to do in an emergency. Disabilities and allergies are not an exuse to use a cell phone at school. My kids have both and can be managed just like we did when I attended school. 1990's.....</p>
13	anonymous	<p>who created this survey? they need a course in survey creation for sure - the quality of the survey is directly related to the quality of its data and anecdotal findings (these types of surveys are not statistically reliable, even through they are often presented as that, as an example). Bad surveys create bad policies and failed programs.</p>



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14	anonymous	I'm afraid this is a little too late. We made our kids wait until grade 8 and 10 until cell phones- no data, no plans , we have passcodes and we have full access to randomly look at their phone Teachers have scoffed at our kids in grade 8 and 9 saying ' everyone' has one"/ we didn't - Yes majority do- they should have similar rules/ expectations we have in the workplace- it's in silence and in your bag/ purse- check it at lunch. Teach typing! Focus on that
15	anonymous	There is too much inconsistency at the level of the high school when using personal devices is teacher dependant. I think the kids need a consistent message that personal devices are not to be used in the classroom. There is no value add for anyone long term when kids are addicted to their devices and teachers have to police them.
16	anonymous	Snap chat is used extensively at RSS for pretty much all sports and group events. It is the easiest way to communicate with students and provide group discussions. I do not see a problem with cell phone use in high school. If anything more education on how to use cellphones for different aspects of life would be beneficial for our young aspiring adults.
17	anonymous	Please just blanket ban personal devices at school, so kids can connect and concentrate.
18	anonymous	My child is responsible and respectful in the use of their personal device. It is not overused at school. I trust my child and their habits.
19	anonymous	My child is exiting the secondary school system so I will not be attending any workshops in the future provided by RSS.
20	anonymous	Students should be learning at home to follow rules, and respect the teachers decisions on personal devices. Not all students learn the same and not all teachers teach the same.
21	anonymous	Please speed up the timeline for implementation of this. Waiting until December makes no sense. In the meantime you are continuing to allow these distracting devices to Interfere with learning and brain development in our students.
22	anonymous	Q16. Digital literacy - info about addiction and dependence; info about skills that are lost as a consequence of dependence on devices; the impacts of addiction/dependence on social-emotional development and physical development.
23	anonymous	Students should be taught how to use keyboards (typing). :)
24	anonymous	Regarding questions 18 & 19: I'm comfortable setting rules for my child but uncomfortable enforcing them since kids find ways and work-arounds to use devices despite parent or school set "rules". Somehow they permeate our lives and have

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		<p>become in increasingly difficult to manage, despite our best intentions. This problem is bigger than us to manage alone (parent and child). And I find it interesting that these questions appear at the end of the survey - almost as though blaming the parent for providing a phone to begin with. (ie. "who signed the contract?" Of course we all know an adult or legal guardian must sign a contract). Yes, I gave my child a phone (mainly for communication purposes) but it doesn't mean I condone social media giants and corporations from feeding algorithms to my child or making phone use purposefully addictive and damaging. Parents are backed into a corner. If you don't provide a phone, there are social ramifications for your child communication-wise.</p>
25	anonymous	<p>Managing the device can be exhausting at times. It's difficult when friends don't have the same restrictions. The child can simple visit another home and have unlimited use. Not ideal. I feel this would lead to a situation where the child spends more time elsewhere reducing parental influence. I like the idea of no personal devices in school because it is an even playing field. It will give kids a much needed break from devices and an opportunity to interact with their environment and cope with life's challenges head on.</p>
26	anonymous	<p>Please, as a mother of a young daughter, get cell phones and their related addictions, distractions, destruction out of our children's learning. Please.</p>
27	anonymous	<p>Things need to change, and quickly. NO handheld devices in learning HUBS, ever!</p>
28	anonymous	<p>My student is an exchange student and I think the phone is a problem but also a connection to home and some assistance in a new place. I also feel like I do t have a lot of say as a host family to making rules around technology.</p>
29	anonymous	<p>Human brains keep developing until age 25ish. I have been monitoring cell phone use in my own children and asking them about it at school for years, and have come to the conclusion that their brains cannot use them responsibly -- i.e. limit their use -- cell phone are designed to be addictive and it works! -- even adult brains can't handle them! I also feel that most of the survey questions needed a Maybe, Depends, or in the case of the 'receive resources/info around limiting cell phone use', 'Already Do' option (which I do). E.g., re: the 'more digital literacy at RSS' question, yes, more education around these subjects helps, but students already know what they SHOULD be doing in relation to cell phone use, but many literally can't/won't do it. It's similar to knowing that I shouldn't eat that second (or third) piece of chocolate cake, but I do it anyway. I also, as I mentioned above, feel that all adults (myself included) use their devices more than is healthy for us, and that's because of the nature of our society these days. So let's help our children make good decisions because most don't yet have the brain capacity to do so -- the more we limit these devices, the better we all will be for it. Also, re: one of the reasons I've been told for not limiting cell phone use (i.e. parent pushback) -- a school's</p>

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30	anonymous	<p data-bbox="375 296 1521 600">mandate is to provide a healthy, safe environment for learning. From my in-class and own children's telling of the cell-phone experience at school, cell phone use at RSS now DOES NOT meet that requirement. Parents who argue that their children need cell phones in school are not aware of the situation or do not feel the situation is a problem. They are the minority, and they should not be allowed to determine what is healthy for all. Please also have the policy in place by September, not December (which is when I understand it to be finalized) -- it will be harder to change horses in mid-stream. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important issue.</p> <p data-bbox="375 642 1521 825">We have rules in our home but it's a battle in school. So much pressure in school to have one! It's ridiculous, phones should not be allowed in the early grades when there is so much they have to navigate. Schools and Parents need to wake up! There needs to be strict enforced rules in schools and then it becomes the norm. Don't be afraid to be firm schools district!!!!</p>