

Support Staff Survey on Student Use of Personal Digital Devices at School

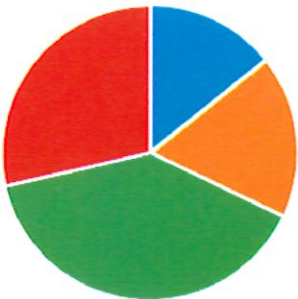
12 Responses

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1. What grade level(s) do you work with? (check all that apply)

Primary (grades K-3)	4
Early Intermediate (grades 4-6)	5
Late Intermediate (grades 7-9)	11
Secondary (grades 10-12)	8



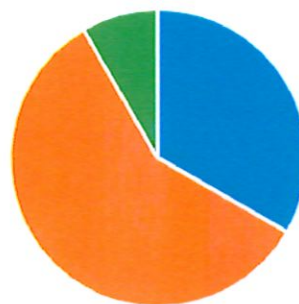
2. How long have you been working in the Revelstoke school district?

0-2 years	1
3-5 years	1
6-10 years	5
11-20 years	4
More than 20 years	1



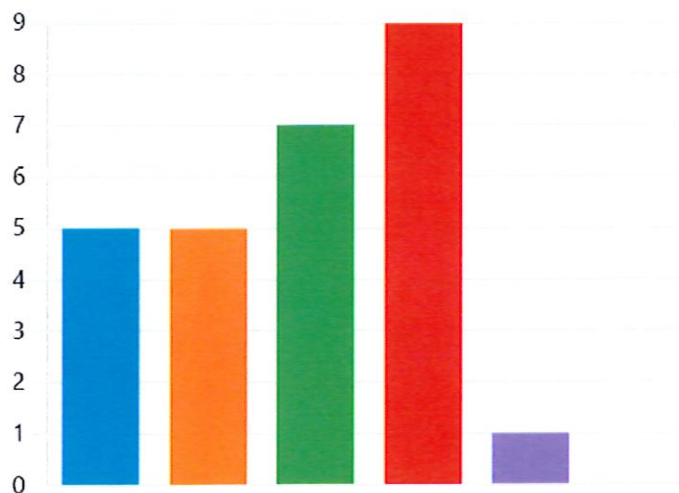
3. How well do you know and understand your school's expectations on student use of personal digital devices?

Extremely well	4
Somewhat well	7
Neutral	1
Somewhat not well	0
Extremely not well	0



4. Which personal digital device(s) do you see student's using in the classroom? (check all that apply)

Tablet	5
Laptop	5
Smartwatch	7
Smartphone/cell phone	9
I do not see students using theses...	1
Other	0



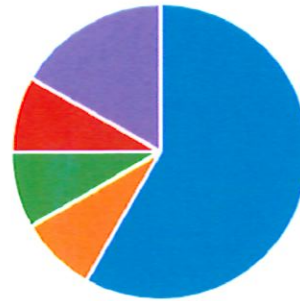
5. How often are students given permission to use their personal digital devices in the classroom(s) within which you work?

Everyday	1
Often	3
Sometimes	3
Rarely	3
Never	2



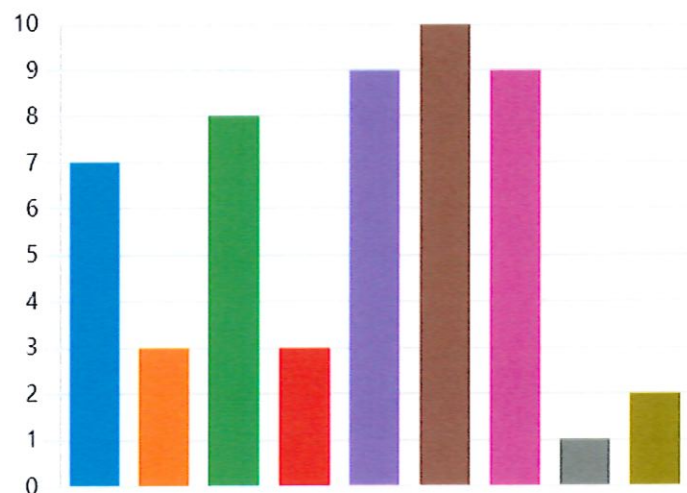
6. How often do you see students use personal digital devices in the classroom without teacher permission?

● Everyday	7
● Often	1
● Sometimes	1
● Rarely	1
● Never	2

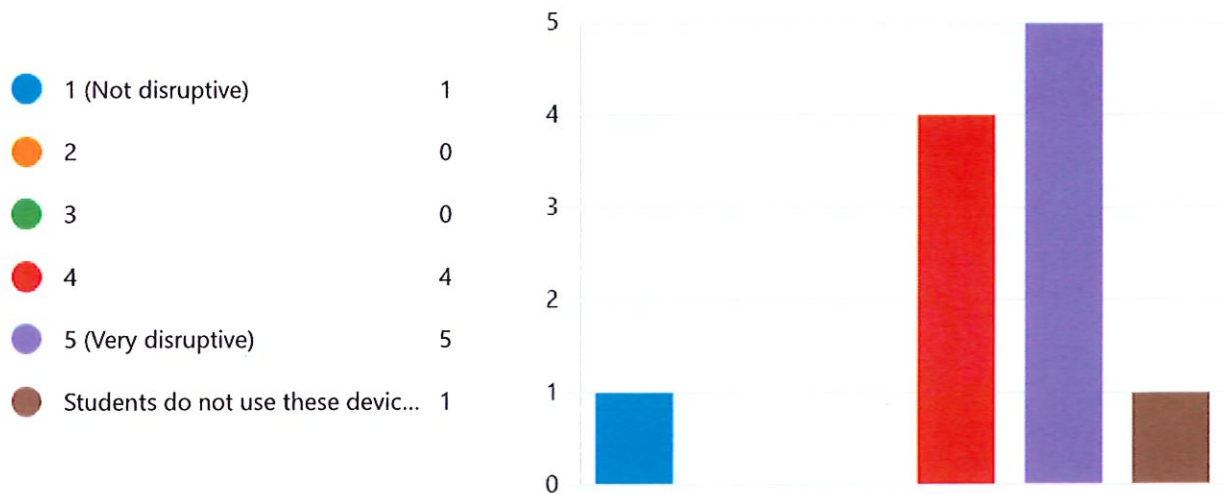


7. For what purpose do students use personal digital devices in the classroom? (check all that apply)

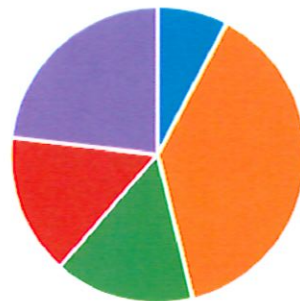
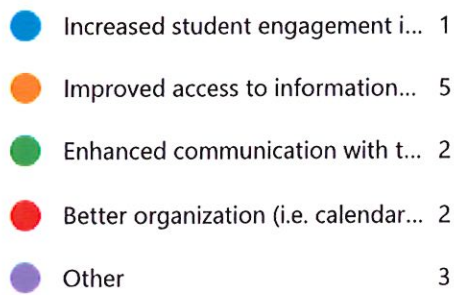
● Educational purposes	7
● Note-taking/photos of notes	3
● Communication with parents/gu...	8
● Communication with teachers	3
● Communication with peers (sna...	9
● Social media (Tiktok, YouTube, s...	10
● Games	9
● Students do not use these devic...	1
● Other	2



8. On a scale of 1 to 5, in the classroom(s) where you work, how disruptive do you find student use of personal digital devices?



9. Have you noticed any benefits of allowing personal digital devices in the classroom? (check all that apply)



10. Please elaborate on the benefits of personal digital devices in the classroom.

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Latest Responses

"Students seem to enjoy using their phones for Moodle and t...

"There aren't enough laptops/tablets always so student phon...

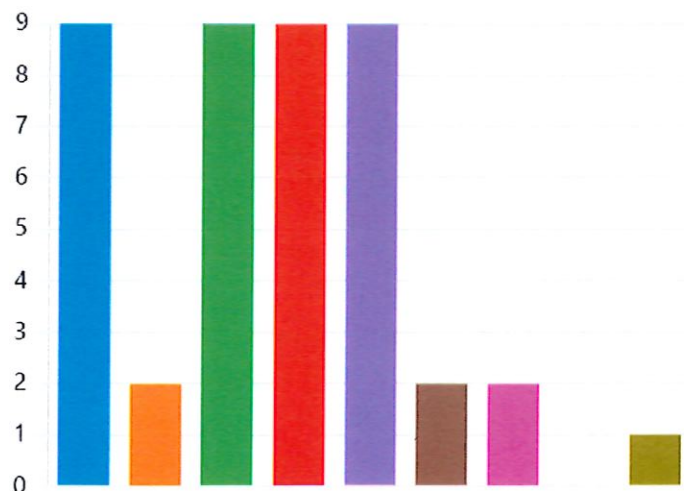
4 respondents (57%) answered **students** for this question.

Word cloud content:

- students
- use
- phones
- research
- handy for research
- technology is great
- helpful
- use of the cellphone
- phones are handy
- medical reasons
- phones for Moodle
- personal devices
- track of assignments
- text
- engaged during tl
- type of research
- laptops/tablets
- student phones
- educational purposes
- worse

11. What are the challenges you face with student use of personal digital devices in the classroom. (check all that apply)

Distraction from learning	9
Cheating	2
Cyber harassment/bullying	9
Difficulty in enforcing school ex...	9
Conflict with student for inappr...	9
Technical issues (connectivity, in...	2
None	2
Students do not use these devic...	0
Other	1



12. Please elaborate on the challenges of student use of personal digital devices in the classroom.

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"Students refuse to put their phones in the "hotel" (or lie abo...

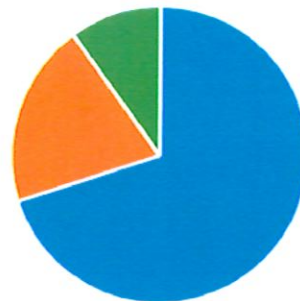
"They struggle with not looking at their phone for messages ...

5 respondents (63%) answered **phones** for this question.

distraction from students
conflicts
school
asked to put them away use
putting them away
EA and the students
students
personal devices
addiction to their phone

13. Are there strategies in place in the classroom(s) in which you work to manage or integrate personal digital devices?

- Yes 7
- No 2
- These devices are not used in th... 1



14. If yes, please describe the strategies that are in place.

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"Phone hotels. These work well, but I often witness teachers h...

"The students are sometimes asked to put their phones in the...

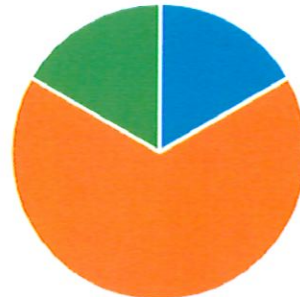
"Phone hotel, phone breaks allowed when working "

5 respondents (71%) answered **students** for this question.

teacher
devices
frequently use
issue
phone breaks
students
cell phones
phone ho
working
cellphone ho

15. In your opinion, should students be allowed to use personal digital devices for the grade range(s) that you work with?

● Yes	2
● No	8
● Depends	2



16. Please elaborate on your answer to Question #14.

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Responses

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"I am fully in support of students wearing smart watches and...

"The amount of time wasted in dealing with misuse of the de...

"If unable to access school provided tech for class work it's he...

5 respondents (63%) answered **devices** for this question.

class time
school devices student
laptops person

17. What recommendations do you have for managing personal digital device use in schools? Please comment on any grade range (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) in your answer.

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Responses

Latest Responses

"Strong district policy removing smart phones from classroo...

"Grades 8- 10 should have cell phones secured in phone hote...

"K-3 - no personal devices at school 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 - no pers...

6 respondents (60%) answered **schools** for this question.

expectations around the schools work of school phone addiction
school hours cell phone use them in class devices at school ban at scho
smart phones student schools phone need to have thei
School policy phone hotels teachers
school rules phone free school day

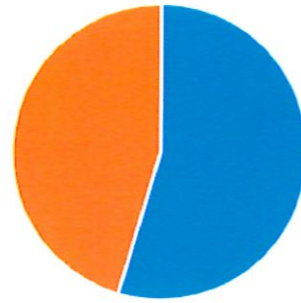
18. Do you want training or professional development on digital literacy instruction/strategies?

Yes

6

No

5



19. What other training, support, or resources would help you better manage or integrate personal digital devices in the classroom?

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Responses

Latest Responses

"We can't take something away from students who habitually..."

"More education and information on the harmful effects of c..."

4 respondents (67%) answered **students** for this question.

reasoning behind the policy consistently implement harmful effects
 confusion for the students students who are in violation interest
 support staff phone addiction **students** phone cell phone
 district technology District teachers strong policy
 students about expectations policy with students smart phones
 violation of policy math class

20. Please share any additional comments or experiences regarding student use of personal digital devices in the classroom.

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Responses

Latest Responses

"Our senior students do an excellent job of self policing phon...

"A clear and consistent policy needs to be implemented a.s.a....

4 respondents (67%) answered **student** for this question.

student **devices** **rules in the**
senior students **com**
stricter controls **fade and compliance**
adequate amount of devices **resistance and issues** **con**
negatives of over-use **rules are clear**
excellent job **digital devices** **phone use** **policies around use**
better habits **digital learning** **school year resistance will fade**

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10.

Please elaborate on the benefits of personal digital devices in the classroom.

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ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	none
2	anonymous	I think technology is great when used appropriately. We give the students technology to use for educational purposes. I see students distracted by their personal devices. It was so much worse before we started to enforce the no personal devices at school.
3	anonymous	Safty for medical reasons
4	anonymous	students use phones to read text to them if they struggle with reading. A very few use their calendar to keep track of assignments. I have often heard that they are texting their parents when I ask them why their phone is out.
5	anonymous	Using the computer for any type of research is helpful, but the use of the cellphone is disruptive.
6	anonymous	There aren't enough laptops/tablets always so student phones are handy for research when that's the case
7	anonymous	Students seem to enjoy using their phones for Moodle and they tend to stay engaged during this activity.

12.

Please elaborate on the challenges of student use of personal digital devices in the classroom.

8 responses8Responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Self isolation, distraction, other students who don't have access feeling left out or behind or not included. Hiding in bathrooms to play on phones instead of doing work. Once out, really hard to put away, creating longer transition times and behaviours.
2	anonymous	From an equity lens I think that if students are required to use technology that we are obligated to provide it, not tell them to use their own. I see cyber bullying as well as distraction from students having their personal devices at school.

ID	Name	Responses
3	anonymous	I dont see personal devices in my classrooms
4	anonymous	not hearing the lesson because they are on their phone, harassment following negative interactions, lack of compliance with school expectations and seeming to feel that they are unfair, and anger when teachers enforce school policy
5	anonymous	The fact that teachers and EA have to have this conversation constantly or that there are different levels of tolerance amongst the staff itself means that it creates conflicts or opportunities for discipline which take away the space for a different connection.
6	anonymous	They struggle with not looking at their phone for messages or stopping scrolling, difficulty putting them away when asked
7	anonymous	Students refuse to put their phones in the "hotel" (or lie about having them) and continue to scroll their phones while in class. They frequently communicate with each other on the phones or walk around the room distracting other students by showing them what's on their phones. When asked to put them away they pretend to comply but continue to be distracted. It becomes an issue that creates conflict between the EA and the students they work with and that impacts our relationships and ability to effectively support leaning in the classroom.
8	anonymous	Some students seem to have a serious addiction to their phone that makes any attempt at regulating use difficult.

14.

If yes, please describe the strategies that are in place.

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ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Asking students to leave cell phones in their packs
2	anonymous	There is a school wide policy on personal devices not being seen; however, smart watches are now becoming an issue because they are not as obvious (to staff) as a phone but cause a lot of distraction for the students.
3	anonymous	a few students used the cell phone hotels at the beginning, very few do now but I think less students obviously use them in class
4	anonymous	The cellphone hotel

ID	Name	Responses
5	anonymous	Phone hotel, phone breaks allowed when working
6	anonymous	The students are sometimes asked to put their phones in the "phone hotel" but it isn't consistent. When the phone is discovered the teacher issues a warning that it might be taken away if they see it again but it rarely happens even with repeated warnings. When the devices are allowed for work the students can have them out but frequently use them for activities that aren't school related.
7	anonymous	Phone hotels. These work well, but I often witness teachers having to convince/nag students to put their phones in the box and it eats up way too much class time.

16.

Please elaborate on your answer to Question #14.

8 responses8Responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I do not think that we should be allowing or demanding that students use their personal devices at school.
2	anonymous	At the teacher's discretion and only when appropriate. Some students use their device for anxiety issues (ex. Music).
3	anonymous	They are not needed at school unless they are needed for medical reasons
4	anonymous	there is no need for personal digital devices as long as schools provide sufficient resources (laptops etc)
5	anonymous	The use of the school laptops should be aloud but not the student's personal cellphone. It's a distraction at different levels.
6	anonymous	If unable to access school provided tech for class work it's helpful for them to have their own device, otherwise I think all devices should not even come into class with them, or at the very least be given to the teacher/phone hotel for class time
7	anonymous	The amount of time wasted in dealing with misuse of the devices outweighs any benefits. If the students need to do research, a laptop or tablet is a better choice as a Teacher/EA can monitor what's being done and can offer assistance with finding information. If PPD's weren't out during class there would be less conflict and less time wasted on policing them. Also, if the devices were secured, it would stop students from using them in the hallways and bathrooms during class times.

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8	anonymous	I am fully in support of students wearing smart watches and using personal tablets and laptops for educational purposes. Smart phones should be restricted in the classroom.

17.

What recommendations do you have for managing personal digital device use in schools? Please comment on any grade range (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) in your answer.

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ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	k-3 no devices at all, 4-6 no devices at all, 7-9 no devices at all. 10 -12 moderate use
2	anonymous	Clear signing for student's and staff regarding expectations around the schools, cell phone free zones signs, strong support from admin regarding enforcement of policy and consequences.
3	anonymous	Culture change, mostly coming from home.
4	anonymous	School policy that is being followed by all teaching staff this year, in the past it was difficult because although we had a school policy not all teachers made their student follow it which led to confrontations with students if I tried to enforce the school rules.
5	anonymous	Our school uses the phone hotels in certain classes with success.
6	anonymous	grade 8-12 I do not support a complete ban at school for these grades as mobile devices are a fact of our present life and part of our job is to teach students to make their own healthy choices. However, I really see no reason why they should be in a classroom and wonder if it would be best to remove phones for the rest of the school day if students choose to use them in class.
7	anonymous	I would prefer if it wasn't aloud at all in the classroom for all grades.
8	anonymous	K-3 - no personal devices at school 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 - no personal devices at school, unless required for after school etc, device remains with teacher or admin during school hours, teacher can approve student use for class work of school provided tech is not accessible
9	anonymous	Grades 8- 10 should have cell phones secured in phone hotels at the start of every class including LA/Resouce. Teachers can use their discretion to take out phones for activities but to address inequities, school tablets/laptops should be the usual resource. Some students don't have smartphones and it leaves them at a disadvantage. Grades 11-12

ID	Name	Responses
		have more need to have their phones at certain times so there should be flexibility but also clear expectations of when and for what they can use their phones. Students need to develop skills to deal with cell phone addiction but they can't be expected to manage that without rules and consequences. The more support they get in learning how to put away their phones away and knowing when it's appropriate, the better they will manage in their adult lives.
10	anonymous	Strong district policy removing smart phones from classroom environments, with clear direction on who is enforcing the policy (EAs, teachers, or admin?)

19.

What other training, support, or resources would help you better manage or integrate personal digital devices in the classroom?

6 responses6Responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	District administrator to monitor and help inforce implementing a strong policy with students. Walking around schools to catch students who are in violation of policy, so teachers and support staff can focus primarily on teaching and building relationships.
2	anonymous	Not sure
3	anonymous	how to empower students to be less dependant on their personal digital devices
4	anonymous	I'm open to participate in a training. What could be offer?
5	anonymous	More education and information on the harmful effects of cell phone addiction and how it affects learning in the classroom. If all the adults knew the reasoning behind the policy they would be more likely to consistently implement the rules and reduce confusion for the students about expectations. Students should also be told about the research and reasons behind the rules. I found this to be very effective in motivating one math class I was in. The teacher explained about the harms and then asked his class to participate in the experiment of locking the phones up and taking them to the library during class and they all agreed which led to much more productive working times.
6	anonymous	We can't take something away from students who habitually use their smart phones. We need to replace the behaviour with high interest activities. Increased district technology (laptops) would also be beneficial.

20.

Please share any additional comments or experiences regarding student use of personal digital devices in the classroom.

6 responses6Responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Providing an adequate amount of devices so student's can access digital learning
2	anonymous	Thanks
3	anonymous	I think students view these devices as part of their identity, independence, and sometimes connection. For students who struggle with connection these devices offer a way to have something to do and to not be obviously without friends to talk to. I would advocate for compassion in implementing policies around use of personal digital devices
4	anonymous	X
5	anonymous	A clear and consistent policy needs to be implemented a.s.a.p. at the beginning of the school year. There will be much more resistance and issues if you try to change the rules in the middle. In order for better habits to be developed you need to start with stricter controls until the students learn the routine. If the rules are clear, resistance will fade and compliance will become easy. If there's lack of follow through or failure to stick to the policy, we'll continue to struggle with this issue and lose our opportunity to turn this issue around.
6	anonymous	Our senior students do an excellent job of self policing phone use in the classrooms I work in. They seem to understand the negatives of over-use. I'm proud of them!