

## Background on Personal Mobile Devices

The ownership and use of a personal mobile device (PMD) has grown exponentially over the past decade. While personal devices offer potential opportunities for communication, information access and enhanced opportunities for instruction, personal mobile devices can also be a source of distraction that can negatively impact children's mental health, engagement and learning. Regulated use of personal mobile devices in schools and throughout the Division is required to ensure the promotion of welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning and working environments. Appropriate use of personal mobile devices contributes to the safety and security of students and staff, minimizes risk to personal wellbeing and disruption to instruction, and protects personal privacy and academic integrity. Personal mobile device (PMD) is defined as any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet, such as a cellphone, tablet, laptop, or smartwatch.

## Use of PMDs at Campbelltown

No student shall access a PMD at school unless documentation is provided to the principal or designate that confirms the use is for a diagnosed health, medical condition, or an identified special learning need is present. Students will not have access to their PMD during any point in the school day – for example; recess and lunch breaks.

## Storage of PMDs at Campbelltown

All PMD's if brought to school are to be stored in student backpacks which hang in their lockers. Devices must be put either powered off or in silent mode. We strongly recommend students leave PMDs at home. Students who choose to bring PMDs to school do so at their own risk. The security and storage of these devices is the sole responsibility of the owner or user and École Campbelltown and Elk Island Public Schools assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of the PMD.

For further information on PMD's

**Ministerial Order on Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools**

In June, the Government of Alberta released Ministerial Order 014/2024: [Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools](#). Effective for the 2024-25 school year, students will not have access to social media platforms on student devices or any devices connected to the guest network.

Please refer to the following documents that outline policies and procedures related to personal mobile devices (PMDs) in schools. PMDs include cell phones and smart watches.

- [Administrative Procedure 145 USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES](#)