



GUIDELINES FOR USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Personal Electronic Devices include smart phones, iPods, MP3 Players, portable video game systems, and other electronic devices used for communication.

For reasons of convenience, safety, and learning, BICS recognizes the value of students bringing PEDs to school. However, to preserve a safe and productive learning and social environment, between the opening bell at 8:40AM and concluding bell at 2:40PM, students are only allowed to use their PEDs when given permission to do so by a teacher or administrator.

While not in use, PEDs are to be stored in backpacks and turned off. The safe storage of the PED is the responsibility of the student; the school assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of PEDs.

During non-instructional times within the supervised school day such as before school from 8:15-8:40 AM and after school from 2:40-3:15PM students are allowed to send text messages or make phone calls and listen to music when outside of the building. Students are not allowed to access the internet, watch videos, play video games, or use their PED to take video, photos, or make sound recordings, unless given permission by a teacher or administrator. Students are allowed to make phone calls before and after school but are to ask for permission from a teacher or administrator if they wish to make a call during recess or lunch.

PEDs are to be turned off during lockdowns until an "all clear" is given by the administrator or officials in charge.

If the use of PEDs infringes on the safe and productive learning environment of students, a teacher or administrator may take possession of the PED until the end of the day or longer if necessary. Parents will be informed if the school takes possession of a student's PED for more than one school day.

Reference: West Vancouver Schools Administrative Procedure 145