



Bert Bowes Middle School

Dr. Kearney Middle School



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**RE: Personal Electronic Devices - School District 60 Middle Schools**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A new school year is beginning, and we would like to remind our school communities of the Ministry of Education & Child Care, as well as School District 60's plan for the safety and well-being of students in relation to digital technology.

Per Ministry and District policy, Dr. Kearney and Bert Bowes Middle Schools have implemented the following policy:

***All students are expected to store their personal electronic devices\* in their lockers during instructional time. At the teacher's discretion, an exemption may be made when the use of such devices supports a specific curricular objective and is part of instructional planning.***

**The following procedure will be used for violations of these expectations:**

- **1st issue** - The student will hand in their device to the teacher for the remainder of the school day. The student is responsible for collecting their device from the staff member. We expect students to comply with this request without becoming argumentative or defiant. Students who do not comply with this request will be referred to the administration.
- **2nd issue** - The student will be sent to the office to turn in their device to the administration for the remainder of the school day. Parents will be notified.
- **3rd issue** - The student will be sent to the office and will hand in their device to the administration for a minimum of a week\*\*, with no access during the day, or it will be kept at home. Parents will be notified and included in the plan for success moving forward.

***\*Personal Internet-Connected Devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, tablets, computers, smartwatches, and portable video game systems. At DKMS and BBMS, we include AirPods and other wireless/Bluetooth devices.***

***\*\*When deciding the duration for the loss of cellphone privileges, School Administrators will consider the time between infraction #2 and #3.***

***Continuing to disregard these expectations may result in consequences as outlined in the Code of Conduct, which may include being prohibited from bringing devices to school, suspension, and/or other disciplinary actions.***

We understand that many parents/guardians use text messages to communicate with their children during the day. Students are allowed to check their phones during their morning class change, at lunch, and after school. For emergencies, please contact the school office, and we will pass along your message or have your child contact you.

We ask that you support our staff and discuss these expectations with your child before the upcoming school year.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your school's administration.

In partnership,

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