PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDs)

Learning & Instructional Technology Plan

The Peel District School Board's Learning and Instructional Technology Plan will ensure Peel schools are increasingly connected and relevant in the 21st Century. By the end of this school year—2012-13—the board expects students in all Peel schools to be able to access educational resources online and engage in 21st Century learning through wireless networks.

With Wi-Fi installations beginning in July and continuing throughout the school year, schools will be at different stages of the Learning and Instructional Technology Plan this year. Some schools are currently using Wi-Fi technology to boost learning in the classroom.

As wireless becomes available in a school, students will begin to see teachers incorporate more digital resources into their lessons. Once online resources are able to be accessed wirelessly, students will be encouraged to *BYOD—bring your own device.* The plan will also improve equity of access to technology for all students through classroom technology in schools, and a process to ensure schools across the system have similar standards of technology so that no child feels excluded.

Digital citizenship

Students are going to live and work in a world where people use their devices 24/7 so they need to learn to use technology effectively and respectfully. Digital responsibility is an important part of what we help students learn in school, and appropriate use will continue to be an expectation in each school's Code of Conduct as it is now.

As we begin to move forward with the plan, principals, staff and School Council members will work together to develop school policies and practices that support the effective use of technology in the classroom.

Students will use technology for educational purposes only. By accessing the Internet while on Peel board property or by logging in with a board login, students accept all terms and conditions of the Peel board network and Internet use, as well as Policy #78 – Appropriate Use of Technology.

Students will demonstrate appropriate online conduct and manners. Students must follow Peel board security procedures and use Peel board virus scanning software. Although Peel board uses a content filter, students may encounter inappropriate material.

Students are also required to report any inappropriate use of email, data, or unauthorized technology or data to a teacher or administrator immediately. Information created on Peel board networks may be accessed and is subject to review. Personally owned devices used inappropriately to access/produce or share unlawful materials will result in full investigation and necessary action will be taken.

Users will refrain from improper/unethical use of technology, including computer hacking, cyber-bullying, and sending or receiving offensive pictures or materials. The Internet must not be used for any purpose that violates the school's Code of Conduct or the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Consequences

All users are expected to comply with all federal and provincial laws and regulations—Ontario Human Rights Code, Criminal Code, Education Act and Copyright Act.

Students accept full responsibility for their use of technology. Any inappropriate use such as harassment, plagiarism, financial gain, accessing or vandalizing other users' information, providing access to other accounts or posting private information will result in loss of technology privileges and/or other consequences consistent with the school's Code of Conduct, progressive discipline and safe schools legislation. When appropriate, offences may be reported to the police.

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Students are responsible for the care, maintenance and security of their personal devices. The Peel board is not responsible for the replacement of lost, stolen or damaged items.

Online safety

To ensure students stay safe on the Internet, **students must never**:
- give out personal information such as their addresses, telephone number, age, school name or address
- agree to meet with someone they meet online
- respond in any form to messages which make them uncomfortable or are deemed inappropriate according to the school's Code of Conduct
- share their personal student network login and password with anyone other than a parent/guardian
- use other individuals' accounts
- take and/or post photos, videos or images of an individual/group unless consent from the individual(s) (over the age of 18) or parental consent (for those under the age of 18) has been obtained