



# Harry Gray Elementary School Personal Mobile Device Policy

This document presents our school based Personal Mobile Device (PMD) Policy. This policy reflects the new Ministerial Order and NGPS AP 650. In accordance with the new Ministerial Order, the intention of this policy is to create clear and easy to understand guidelines that allows opportunity for digital citizenship and improved learning outcomes by supporting a distraction-free learning environment that promotes well-being.

We respectfully request the support of our parent communities in promoting this policy. If there is the need to connect with your child during instructional times, please contact the office and we will be happy to facilitate communication with them.

## What are PMDs?

Any personal electronic that can be used to communicate with or access the internet, such as cellphone, tablet, laptop, gaming device, or smart watch. This also includes devices capable of communicating with a PMD (i.e., Bluetooth devices such as headphones, earbuds, or smart watches).



### When can students use PMDs?

- In the morning before the first bell
- At the end of instructional day



### School Wide PMD policy of restrictions and guidelines for Instructional Time

- PMDs should be stored in personal lockers during the school day
- PMDs are NEVER allowed in washrooms
- PMDs are not allowed with students during school-wide presentations or assemblies



### What is Instructional Time?

- Instructional time includes time scheduled for the purpose of instruction and learning
- Examples include, but are not limited to, in class instruction and activities, assemblies, and talks or presentations from a guest speaker

## Special Considerations

School Administration may authorize exemptions if a personal mobile device is needed to support the delivery of programming, or to support unique medical and/or learning needs for individual students.

### Parent Support

Your support in reinforcing these guidelines is very important. Please help the school by ensuring your child understands the rules, especially keeping the device in a secure location during the school day.

Please know that you can always call the office to have messages relayed to your child.

Let's work together to create an environment that is conducive to student growth and optimal learning.

### Consequences

If your child is not adhering to these guidelines, their PMD will be securely held in the office until the end of the day. At which time they can pick it up as they leave at the end of the school day.