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ELECTRONIC DEVICES -. In compliance with the Public Schools Branch Electronic Devices Policy, devices such as smartphones, cell phones, digital cameras, video cameras, etc. are not permitted in class, bathrooms, or change rooms, as we have concerns about the photo of a student(s) being taken and unknowingly being placed on the internet which could be considered an invasion of privacy.

These devices are not permitted for usage inside the building for phone calls, texting, accessing social media, videotaping, or taking photos, and will be confiscated. A telephone is available in the main office for student use.

Birchwood School Policy:

- 1. Electronic devices are to be kept in the lockers at all times during the school day.
- 2. Smartphones, iPods and other electronic devices are not permitted to be used during class time.
- 3. These devices can be used inside the building solely for <u>listening to music or playing video games</u> prior to the 8:30 bell in the morning and at lunchtime from 12:00 until 12:45.

****** Exceptions to the above policy will be dealt with on a case by case basis by administration.

Consequences:

First offence - Electronic device is taken by administrator and will be returned at the end of the day. Offense recorded and parents are notified.

Second offence - Electronic device is given to administrator. Parent is notified to come to the school to pick up the phone. Incident is recorded and the student is not permitted to bring the phone to the school for two weeks.

Third offence - Student will receive an in-school suspension of three noontime detentions.

Fourth offence - Student will be suspended from school until such time as a meeting is arranged with the parents to discuss the matter further.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Student Signature:	Date: