

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



1. What is a personal mobile device (PDM)?
 - Personal mobile device (PDM) means any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet, such as a cellphone, tablet, laptop, or smartwatch.
2. What does Golden Hills School Division (GHSD) believe about the use of PMDs in schools?
 - GHSD believes that technology can enhance instruction and learning when supporting curricular outcomes and not being a distraction. GHSD teachers will continue to utilize technology when it benefits or enhances the achievement of learning outcomes.
3. What are the expectations for PMD use?
 - Kindergarten to Grade 6 students are required to keep their phones powered off or silent and stored out of view throughout the school day (including non-instructional time).
 - Grade 7 to Grade 12 students are required to keep their phones powered off or silent and stored out of view during instructional time.
4. What are the limited use exceptions for PMDs?
 - Health or Medical Reasons: Limited use of personal mobile devices is permitted for health or medical reasons, as determined/approved by a principal.
 - Special Learning Needs: Limited use of personal mobile devices is allowed to support special learning needs, as determined/approved by the principal.
5. How can I leave a message for my child?
 - As always, families can contact the school office to relay a message to a student.
6. What if there is an emergency?
 - Families will be notified of emergent situations via personal phone call or school messenger.
 - Students needing to contact a caregiver regarding an urgent matter during instructional time should speak with their teacher in order to use a phone designated for student use in the school offices.
7. Can my child bring their personal laptop/tablet to school?
 - Yes. Learners can bring their personal laptop/tablet to school if it is being used for instructional purposes as directed by the teacher. Any misuse of a personal laptop/tablet is subject to the procedures outlined in AP145.
8. Can my child use their PMD during extracurricular activities??
 - Personal mobile device usage during extracurricular events is at the discretion of the teacher or coach and should be made clear to students at the outset of the event. Examples of extracurricular events might include sports, clubs, band concerts, practices, etc.