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### Student Use of Communications Technology

#### **Policy Statement**

The Strait Regional School Board recognizes the importance of communications technology to support learning and teaching in our schools. As such, the Board supports the appropriate use of the integration of this technology in the classroom so that students and teachers can pursue the learning outcomes of the Public School Program of Nova Scotia.

The Strait Regional School Board accepts its responsibility to ensure that students and staff are in a healthy and safe learning environment.

The Strait Regional School Board believes that the inappropriate use of communications technology can interfere with an individual's right to privacy, the student's right to a safe learning environment and the teaching and learning process.

The intent of this policy is to support the appropriate use of communications technology, to ensure a safe and respectful teaching and learning environment and to protect an individual's privacy.

#### **Guidelines:**

1. Communications technology includes, but is not limited to, cellular phones, video recording and text messaging equipment, MP3 players, CD players, and personal digital assistants.
2. Access to and use of various types of communications technology in the school environment are only permitted under the supervision of a teacher or as directed by school administration.
3. An individual using communications technology to cheat will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the school's Code of Conduct policy and Board policies.
4. Specifically, technology with photo and video recording capabilities is not permitted to be used in locker rooms, change rooms, washrooms or any other area where the privacy of individuals must be protected.

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5. An individual using communications technology to violate the privacy of another person will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the school's Code of Conduct policy and Board policies.
  
6. Schools must develop procedures that indicate clearly the expectations and consequences regarding the inappropriate use of communications technology. These procedures must be published in the Student Code of Conduct and students, parents, staff and school support groups must be made aware of the procedures.

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