Earl Marriott Secondary

Student-Parent Handbook 2026-2027

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FAQs AT EMS

1. **Am I allowed to bring my phone/smart glasses to school?**
   District policy regarding cellphones can be found here. Short answer is, cellphones are not permitted in the classroom, unless teacher specifically permits the student to utilize it for schoolwork during a class. Smart glasses are **prohibited.** More information can be found on page 19-22.
2. **When do I get my schedule for the new school year or semester?**
   Incoming grade 8 student schedules are mailed in the last week of August. If you do not receive yours before the first day, we will help you get where you need to go on the first day of school. Returning students can access their schedules on MyEd. Changes happen frequently so make sure you check it the day before you come to school for the most updated version of your schedule.
3. **How do I select a locker? Do I need my own lock?**
   Locker selection begins during the week before classes starts. Please be on the lookout for an email with details about locker selection instructions, dates and times. Locks are included in your Student Activity Fee.
4. **How do I sign up for a sports team?**
   Information on the many sports teams running at EMS can be found at www.emsathletics.ca. Most of your questions can be answered on this website. You can also see page 14 of this handbook for fees and more information.
5. **How do I log onto my Surrey Schools Outlook Email/Teams?**
   Any one of your teachers can help you log in by resetting your password for you. The Front Office cannot reset Surrey Schools passwords. **Please note: Surrey Schools/Teams is NOT the same as MyEd. Please see information on page 8 and 11 for more information.*
6. **Who is my school counsellor? How do I make an appointment?**
   School counsellors help with course selection and schedule building, as well as providing support for students that need help. Counsellors students are divided by last name alpha. Please see outside the counselling office for the correct QR code for you to scan and make an appointment with your counsellor. More information on counsellors on page 12.
7. **Where can I sign up for school clubs?**
   EMS offers a wide range of clubs, from Dungeons and Dragons, Student Council, Pride, Book Club, Model UN and so many more. You can find information about clubs on our website under the Programs top tab (Clubs, Sports & Extra Curricular). We have a club fair mid-end of September. If you want to start a club, you need a teacher to sponsor the club. Forms can be picked up in the office.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

2026-2027 District Calendar

Legend
Schools open/re-open
Non-instructional day (no classes)
Schools closed

Sept. 8, 2026	Schools open
Sept. 25, 2026	Non-instructional day
Sept. 30, 2026	Truth and Reconciliation Day
Oct. 12, 2026	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 23, 2026	Non-instructional day
Nov. 6, 2026	Non-instructional day
Nov. 11, 2026	Remembrance Day
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1, 2027	Winter break
Jan. 4, 2027	Schools reopen after winter break
Feb. 12, 2027	Non-instructional day
Feb. 15, 2027	Family Day
Mar. 15 - Mar. 19, 2027	Spring Break
Mar. 22 - Mar. 25, 2027	School closure days
March 26, 2027	Good Friday
March 29, 2027	Easter Monday
March 30, 2027	Schools reopen after spring break
May 7, 2027	Non-instructional day
May 21, 2027	Non-instructional day
May 24, 2027	Victoria Day
June 25, 2027	Administrative day/schools close

September '26

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BELL SCHEDULE

Please note the changes in block orders this year.

Earl Marriott Secondary
Bell Schedule 2026-2027

(8:25 Warning Bell)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 – 9:54	A	B	C 8:30-9:40	D	A-D
9:54 – 9:58			9:40-9:44		
9:58 – 11:22	B	A	D 9:44-10:55	C	A-D
11:22 – 12:07	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch 10:55-11:40	Lunch	Lunch
12:02 - 12:07			11:35-11:40		
12:07 – 1:31	C	D	A 11:40-12:50	B	A-D
1:31 – 1:36			12:50-12:55		
1:36 – 3:00	D	C	B 12:55-2:05	A	A-D
	(Day 1)	(Day 2)	(Day 3)	(Day 4)	(Weekly Rotation: Days 1-4)

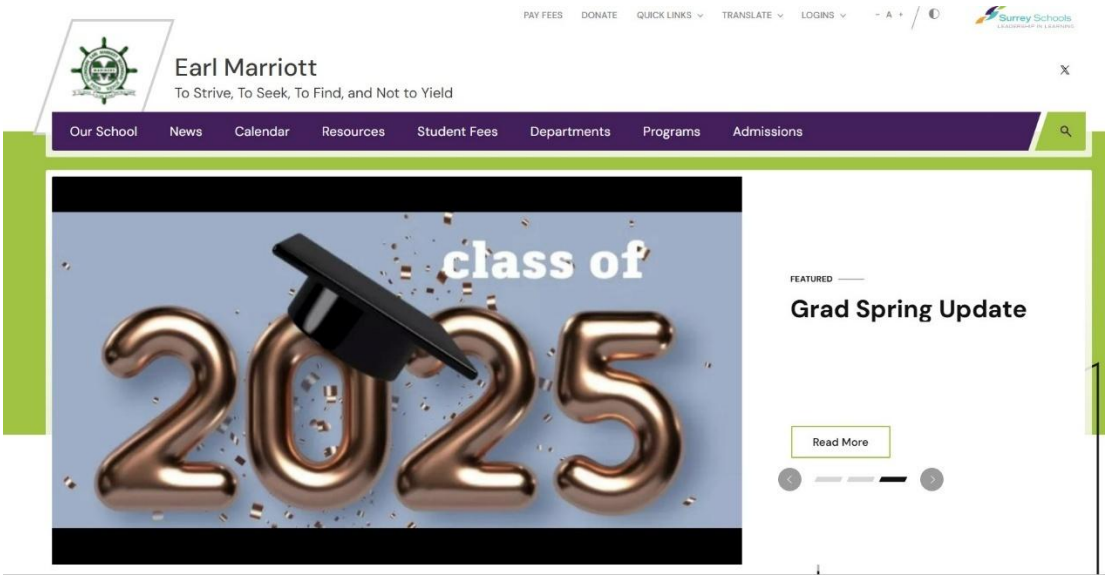
***Early Dismissal days have same bell schedule as Wednesdays**

APP & WEBSITE

With such a large school, we have many sports teams, clubs, assemblies and events. The calendar is constantly changing, and we are adding things frequently, so checking it regularly is recommended.

You can access the calendar, as well as staff directory with email address and our daily announcements on our free Mari-Time App (available for Android and IOS).

You can also access our school calendar of dates, holidays, closures, department information, payment links, newsletters, announcements, staff directory and events on our website. Please check either of these avenues for calendar of events, updates, forms and general information. www.surreyschools.ca/earlmarriott



ATTENDANCE

Daily Attendance:

Regular attendance and punctuality are important for your student's educational success. Teachers have lessons planned and frequent lates and absences can cause gaps in learning outcomes.

Lates:

It is disruptive to classrooms to have a constant stream of late students. Please aim to drop your student off *before* the bell rings in the morning.

We also appreciate when students aren't well, have appointments or other unavoidable reasons for missing classes.

1. Please contact the school if you know your student will be late, absent or dismissed early
2. Provide **Student Name, Grade** and **Reason for Absence** (illness, appointment, parent excused)
3. Phone Number: **604-531-8354** ext 1 or 0
4. Email: earlmarriott@surreyschools.ca
5. If your student is late or leaving early, please remind them to check in/out at the office
6. You can check your student's attendance records on your MyEd parent portal (see page ____)
7. Automated calls and/or emails are sent home if a student has an unexcused absence from a class. If you receive a call home and there might be an error, please have your student connect with the teacher for the block they were absent from to have it corrected.
8. If you are struggling with your student's attendance, you're welcome to reach out to your student's counsellor for support.

Please note*: Even if you notify your student's teacher about an absence, you still will need to contact the office to excuse the absence. Your student can connect with teachers about work they are missing by emailing or messaging the teacher on Teams.*

Extended Absences/Vacations:

If you are planning to be away for more than 5 school days, please have your student pick up an extended absence form to complete and return to the office.

There are many long weekends, pro-d days and extended breaks at Christmas and Spring Break to provide the students with ample time for holidays. Please consider using those times for vacation plans to minimize learning disruptions.

MYEDUCATION BC

MyEd is the web-based platform utilized by most schools in British Columbia, including the Surrey School District for student attendance, course schedule information, and learning updates (report cards).

Parents receive an email to set-up and access a parent portal where they can view their student's information. It is important to have access to this site throughout your student's high school career.

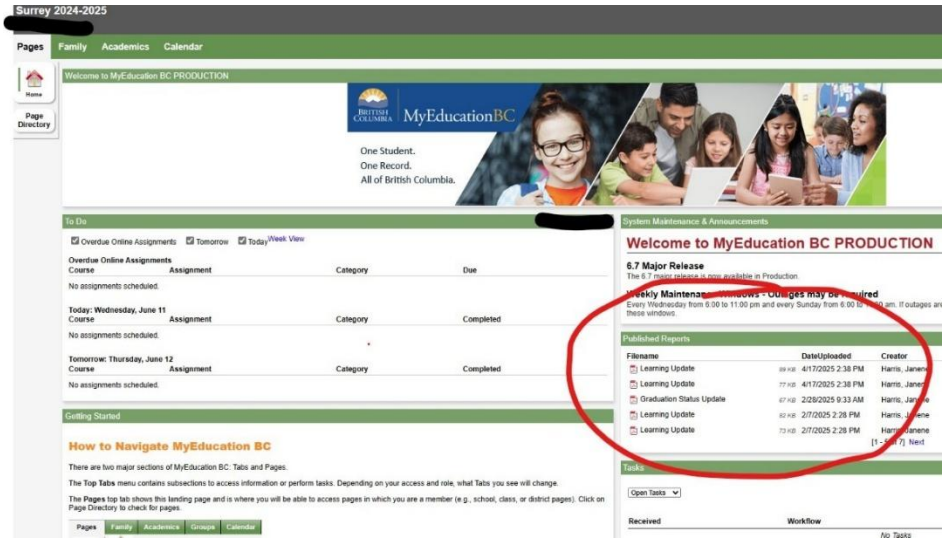
If your student is new to high school (ie – incoming grade 8s, or coming from out of district), please keep an eye out for an email from "sysadmin" with information about setting up your parent portal (typically around mid-October). Students also receive their own MyEd account. New Grade 8 students receive access to their MyEd portal later in the school year when it's time for course selection. They will have a class where they receive instructions to set up access to their portal.

Tips and Tricks:

1. **Using a desktop computer can make navigating MyEd easier.**
2. **If you've forgotten your password, click "Forgot My Password". An email will be sent to the email address that is also the email address you use to log in with a temporary password.**
3. **Creating a password, please include an upper-case letter, lower-case letter, a special character and a number. It must be at least 8 characters long.**
4. **Once you have set up your account and your password, you can access MyEd on your phone. When doing this, click the drop-down menu in the top left-hand corner, and select "View Full Site". This will allow you to navigate all aspects of your student's account.**

Learning Updates:

Your student's report cards are called learning updates. These are published on MyEd. We <u>do not</u> print learning updates for students to take home. You can find these under the heading "Published Reports" on MyEd.



Troubleshooting:

FORGOT YOUR MYED PASSWORD?

STEP 1

DO NOT USE YOUR CELL PHONE!

USE A COMPUTER!

STEP 2

1. GO TO MYED BC
2. LOGIN ID – YOUR STUDENT NUMBER
3. CLICK "I FORGOT MY PASSWORD".
4. MYED WILL EMAIL YOU A NEW TEMPORARY PASSWORD

STEP 3

1. LOGIN TO YOUR EMAIL
2. YOU WILL SEE AN EMAIL FROM MYED BC
3. THIS EMAIL WILL HAVE YOUR TEMPORARY PASSWORD.

STEP 4

1. GO TO MYED BC
2. YOUR LOGIN ID IS YOUR STUDENT NUMBER
3. TYPE IN YOUR NEW TEMPORARY PASSWORD **SLOWLY**!

STEP 5

1. MYED WILL ASK YOU TO CHOOSE A NEW PASSWORD
2. **READ EXACTLY HOW MYED WANTS YOU TO PUT IN YOUR NEW PASSWORD!**
3. **SLOWLY TYPE IN YOUR NEW PASSWORD!**
4. WRITE YOUR NEW PASSWORD DOWN & KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE!

Criteria to reset a new Password must be followed:

- 8 minimum, 14 maximum characters
- 1 capital letter, 1 lowercase letter
- 1 number
- 1 special symbol or character: # or $ or ! or @
- Your password cannot contain, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id or sequential letters or numbers
- Samples of acceptable password: Jan2017$/Snow999!/Welcome1$

MICROSOFT TEAMS & OUTLOOK

Each student attending a District 36 school receives a Surrey Schools email address. This is generated by the IT department for Surrey School District.

Teachers and staff typically communicate with students via school email and Teams. It is incredibly important for students to check their Teams and school email frequently, so you do not miss events, deadlines and any extra information that is being sent to you.

We encourage parents to familiarize themselves with their student's teachers. You can communicate with them if you have any concerns at any point in the semester. Staff directory with email addresses can be found on our website, as well as on the Mariners App.

Students can download Teams app on their phones and access email via Outlook (website or app).

How Do I Log In?

Teachers have access to their students on Teams and should be able to help them figure out how to log on by resetting their password. Please see one of your teachers to help you get your password sorted. If your teacher is unable to reset your password, please see the front office for additional help.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

All school payments are made through our online cashless system. You will see items like athletics fees, field trips, school dances, course fees, concerts, yearbook, fundraisers and more. Please note that some fees are ***required*** and some are ***optional*.**

Fundraisers, concert tickets etc. are made available to all students to purchase. If you choose not to purchase these items, they will be removed from your account when the event/fundraiser is over.

Student activity fees, athletics fees are regular fees that are needed to support our programs. If a course or athletic fee is applied to your student's account but the student ends up dropping the course or not playing that sport, please let the office know so we can remove the fee.

Logging In/Signing Up:

To sign up/log in, click here: https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/

- If you do not have an account already, click **Register**.
- Fill in your information to create an account.
- Next page, enter your student's first and last time and birthdate and school.
- After this, you should receive the confirmation email.

If you are unable to pay online, you or your student can bring exact cash or a cheque to the office to pay for fees.

***If you are experiencing financial difficulty and are unable to pay some of the fees, please reach out to your student's counsellor or vice-principal.*

COURSE FEES

Earl Marriott provides basic materials and resources free of charge necessary for students to meet general requirements for graduation. Students will need to provide their own basic supplies and equipment for their own personal use at school. This includes supplies such as paper, writing tools, calculators, notebooks, gym attire, sewing kits, and some other items needed for various electives. Fees will differ from school to school, as each secondary school is unique in the educational programs and courses and extra-curricular activities offered.

Earl Marriott Secondary 2026-2027

Student Activity Fee *(Lock $5, Student Council Events/Presenters $3, Athletics $8, Student Activities/School-Wide Initiatives $2, Student Support $2)*	$20
Graduation Fee *(covers grad cap & gown, auditorium rental, diploma holders and professional commencement photo)*	$50

<u>Optional</u> enhancements and extracurricular activities:

Advanced Placement Exam (Optional)	$125
Visual Arts	$15
Art Sketchbook (Optional)	$10
Band	$10
Ceramics	$30
Electronics & Robotics	$25
Engineering	$35
Foods 8	$10
Foods 9 – 12	$45
Foods – Professional Cooking	$50
Glass Art 9	$20
Glass Art 11-12	$40
Graphing Calculator (Deposit only-fully refundable upon return)	$125
Metalwork	$50
Music	$10
Photography	$20
Physics 11 Workbook	$25
Skilled-Trades Co-op	$50
Tech Ed	$20
Textiles	$10
Textiles Sewing Kit	$5
Visual Art	$15
Woodwork 9	$40
Woodwork 10, 11, 12	$50
Yearbook (Optional)	$65

Specialty Academies:

High-Performance Hockey Academy Grade 8 - 10	$2,250
High-Performance Hockey Academy Grade 11/12	$1,125

ATHLETICS

Earl Marriott has a strong athletics department, running more than 70 teams in various athletic endeavors. The front office does not manage information about the athletics department.

You can check out our various teams, information and required athletics forms, handbook, and schedules on our athletics website:

www.emsathletics.ca

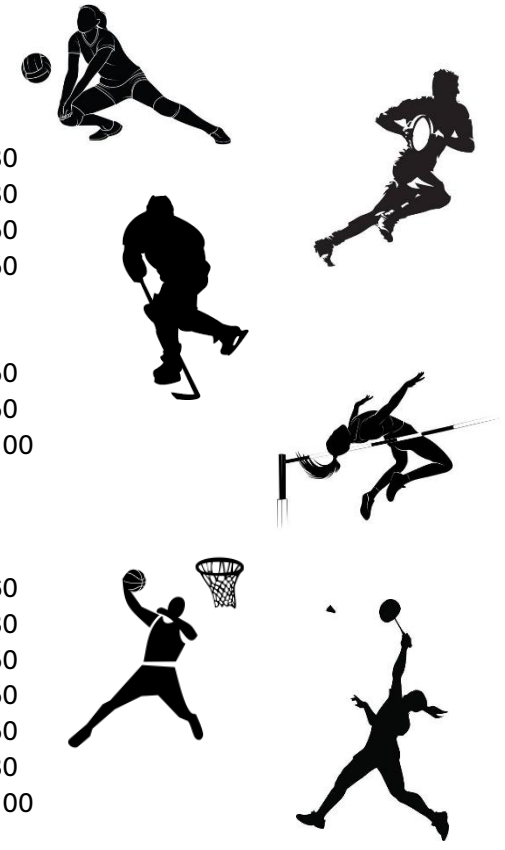
It is important to note that ***all*** athletic teams are ***pay to play***. If your student wishes to play a sport, but the cost is prohibitive, please connect with our Athletic Director, Russ Heggie ***before*** your student participates. There are several avenues of financial aid that you can pursue to help alleviate some of the costs.

Please remember our coaches are teaching and support staff who *volunteer* their time before and after school to make these teams possible. They do their best to be fair and provide safe spaces for *all* athletes. Please be respectful and kind.

If you have any questions, please connect with our Athletic Director, Russ Heggie: heggie_r@surreyschools.ca

Athletics Registration Fees

*** PLEASE NOTE:** *additional individual Team fees are added and vary based upon the sport, tournament fees, and team purchases (hoodies etc.)*



Fall Season

Volleyball	$80
Boys Soccer	$80
Swimming	$50
Cross Country	$50

Winter Season

Curling	$50
Wrestling	$50
Basketball	$100

Spring Season

Badminton	$60
Girls Soccer	$80
Golf	$50
Ultimate Frisbee	$50
Track and Field	$50
Rugby	$80
Ice Hockey	$100

****Families who are unable to pay fees can contact their Vice- Principal or school counsellor. All requests to waive fees will be kept confidential.*

COUNSELLOR INFORMATION

Our counselling team provides a wide range of support for our students. They go through course requests and build schedules for students; they help with post-secondary advising and helping students sort out which courses they need for post-secondary goals. They are also available for students that are struggling with classes, peers or at home. You can schedule an appointment with your counsellor by scanning their QR code which is posted outside of the counselling offices on the bulletin board.

Counsellors are divided by student's last names as follows:

A – Fo : Mr. Aaron Haynes haynes_a@surreyschools.ca

Fr – Li : Ms. Adele Kim kim_a@surreyschools.ca

Lo – Sa : Ms. Sharon Sall sall_s@surreyschools.ca

Sc – Z: Ms. Min-Chee Lo lo_m@surreyschools.ca

CAREER CENTRE

Many students are not aware of the MANY resources at our Career Centre. Students can get assist with post-secondary options, requirements, and opportunities. It is also where students can find out information on the various programs (Youth Work in Trades, Liberal Arts and Skilled Trades Co-op and much more).

In fall, they host University Information sessions with reps visiting from several post-secondary institutions. More information can be found by stopping by the Career Centre, or you can access their information page on our website under Departments tab.

You can email Ms. Minot or the Career Centre Assistant for information.

minot_c@surreyschools.ca – Career Education Department Lead

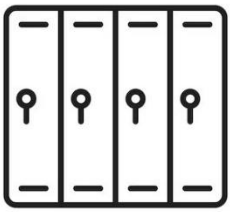
montgomery_k@surreyschools.ca – Career Centre Assistant

LOCKERS

Lockers:

We have lockers available for all students that wish to select one. Emails go out in August with locker selection dates, instructions and website link.

Due to issues with rodents**, students are asked to remove all food items form their lockers at the end of each day**. It can be helpful to remind them to bring home leftover lunches and snacks.



YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks:

Yearbook purchase option is applied to all students' accounts and will show up on School Cash Online starting in August and remain available **Yearbooks are available to order all year until the cut-off in mid-May**. Once you have purchased the yearbook, it will no longer show as outstanding on your account, and your student will be on the list to pick up the yearbook in June.

Price to order the 2026-2027 yearbook: $65

Please note: For your student to pick up their yearbook at the end of the year, all outstanding fees on their accounts must be paid.

PARKING

Student Parking:

We have limited parking available for student drivers. **These spots are available to Grade 12 students only.** We utilize a lottery system to select the students that receive a decal this year.

1. Students wishing to park a vehicle **MUST hold their N by September 11th, 2026** (the time the lottery closes) to obtain a decal. Students must provide proof of license and insurance information before decals are provided.
2. Students wanting their names in the lottery, must submit their names directly to Ms. Klassen no later than **September 11th** via email: klassen_s1@surreyschools.ca, or via Teams or stopping by to speak with her directly.
3. We will notify the students whose names were selected on **September 14th**. Students will need to pick up their parking package and return it no later than **September 18th**. If the forms are not returned, the parking spot will go to students on the waitlist.
4. Names that are not selected, will automatically go on the waitlist. We review the parking at the beginning of semester 2 (January 2027), as spots become available due to students attending off campus programs, and early grads. Students can put their names on the waitlist at anytime during the school year by sending a Teams message or stopping by Ms. Klassen's desk to ask.
5. There is street parking available in the neighbourhood. It is up to students to follow and abide by posted signs and by-laws.

Parent Pick-Up and Drop off:

Earl Marriott provides student bussing to rural areas, as well as frequent field trips and bussing to and from team sports. **Please do not park in the bus lane.**

If you are parking and waiting for your student, please do not block other vehicles. As with any school, pick up and drop off is very busy and we appreciate your patience and courtesy with the students and other parents, as well as encouraging your students to walk if possible.

Staff and Visitor Parking:

We have designated spaces for staff at the school. It might seem that lots of spots are 'free', however, there are staff and teachers that come and go at various times during the day. Please respect the posted signs.

Visitor parking is utilized by visiting district staff, guest speakers, social workers, presenters, coaching volunteers and parents coming for meetings, etc.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation year for grads and parents is *very* busy and there are many events and dates to remember.

We count on students to listen to announcements, check their Graduating Class Teams account, read posters and slides around the school. We ask parents to check emails and our website calendar regularly for event information, School Cash Online fees, and due dates for events and ticket purchases.

Grade 12 Parent Night:
Please check the school calendar in the first week or so of September for this date. It's typically during the 3rd week of September.

Boat Cruise:
Our annual grad boat cruise is set for: **September 22nd, 2026**
Tickets and information will be made available in September. Please watch your student's School Cash Online for tickets.

Fall Grad Canucks Game:
Set for: **October 20th, 2026**

Grad Photos:
Grad photos are taking place from **October 25th – 31st**. A trailer is brought to our school and is set up in the parking lot for the week.

****It is up to the grad/parent to book photo times*. Artona manages all bookings. The school office does not have access to their information, so if you have any questions or concerns, you will need to contact Artona directly. It is recommended that you book a time as soon as possible when the appointments are made available.

Commencement and Dinner/Dance:

Commencement: **May 19th, 2027 at 6:30pm**

Family Celebration/Dinner/Dance/Dry Grad: **June 12th, 2027**

After spring break in March, the office will send out the **Grad Spring Update: Information and Ticket Order Form Package Update**. This document will have dates and information for commencement tickets, cap and gown ordering and pick-up, Dry Grad event info, and much more.

Dry Grad Information

Please be aware Dry Grad Committee that facilitate the post-dinner/dance dry grad celebrations. They always need volunteers. This committee is formed at the Grade 12 parent night. You can contact them direct via email: **emsdrygrad2027@gmail.com**

CELLPHONE POLICY INFORMATION

The Ministry of Education, Surrey Schools, and EMS staff have spent time assessing the impact of technology on student learning and wellbeing in our community. We agree that technology and personal devices can be wonderful supports that assist in learning. We also know that personal electronic devices can be a significant distraction from learning, and that the saturation of social media, gaming and other aspects of technology can have a significant harmful effect on the well-being of youth when not controlled.

The district has included a statement on technology use in schools, and expectations around it, in the updated district code of conduct, available electronically on our website or through our school MariTime app.

Below are some answers to common questions asked by students and parents.

1. **Are personal digital devices banned from Surrey schools, including EMS?**

No. *Currently, we are not prohibiting personal devices from schools. We are setting parameters and guidelines around when and where students can use them and for what purpose.*

2. **Can I use my smartphone or tablet in class?**

Only with explicit teacher permission. *Until now, the default assumption was that students could use their phone unless a teacher or admin directed them not to. We are now asking students to assume that phones are not to be used in class unless explicitly asked to do so by their teacher.*

3. **Is it okay to have my phone in my pocket in class?**

No. *Please leave your phone in your backpack, locker or at home. Research suggests that having your phone in sight can distract people from the task at hand, be it learning or driving.*

4. **Can I use my phone before school, between classes or after school in the hallways?**

Yes, but…*we encourage you to take a break from devices as long and as often as you can. Set yourself some goals in limiting technology use. There is considerable evidence that engagement in social media and significant amounts of gaming contributes to elevated anxiety and depression in youth, while reducing their social skill development. We are exploring the idea of technology-free zones in school. Stay tuned as the year goes on.*

5. **What if there is an emergency, and my parents need to get in touch with me during class?**

As they did prior to the widespread use of cellphones, parents can call the school's main office, and we can relay a message to students. If it is a time-sensitive emergency, an administrator will personally track a student down to convey the message or bring them to a phone to talk to a family member.

6. **Is there anything else I should be aware of from the updated Technology Code of Conduct?**

Yes! *Remember that district computer services shall not be used for illegal, obscene or inappropriate purposes, or in support of such activities. Inappropriate use of computer technology includes, but is not limited to:*

- *students cannot record others (staff or students) without their permission.*
- *using technology to harass, menace, threaten, stalk, bully or defame the character of others (talk smack about them!) is a serious offence and may be punishable by law.*
- *inappropriate use of technology and social media can result in the removal of the device and a further prohibition from having a personal electronic device at school or using technology.*
- *transmission of materials in violation of Canadian law*
- *transmission, storage, or duplication of pornographic material*
- *transmission or posting or threatening, abusive, or obscene material*
- *transmission or duplication of material in violation of copyright law*
- *participation in pyramid or chain mail*
- *harassment of others*
- *attempts at unauthorized access to data, servers, or external services*
- *attempts to vandalize district or external systems, including malicious attempts to destroy data of another user, via virus or other means*
- *use of another user's account or resources*
- *use of abusive vulgar, profane, obscene, or other inappropriate language*
- *re-posting personal mail without permission of the author*
- *sharing of passwords with others*
- *distributing or using another person's technology resources*
- *reveal another person's personal address, phone number, picture, or other data without personal or parental consent, as appropriate*
- *use of district technology for purposes not related to the individual's position in the district*

Staff and students using computer technology are expected to do so in a responsible, ethical manner conducive to the school district's policy. Misuse of district technology resources will lead to suspension of user's privileges and may lead to disciplinary action and possible legal action.

SMART GLASSES

Smart glasses are eyewear frames with small onboard cameras and wireless internet access. These features allow the wearer to take handsfree photos or video, access real-time built in AI assistants like Google Gemini or Chat GPT, and connect to the user's phone to control music, answer calls, and receive notifications. These smart glasses are manufactured by many common technology and optics companies such as Meta, Google and Oakley. Some are in the form of sunglasses while others can accommodate standard prescription lenses.

While the ability to access media on your phone, take pictures and video, and engage AI in instant translation seem appealing when out in the community, it poses significant problems for schools.

First and foremost, the potential to record students and staff without their knowledge or permission is a direct violation of the Surrey Schools Code of Conduct. Further, the potential to capture, store and share the work of others, or controlled materials such as tests and exams poses significant privacy and academic integrity concerns. Our goal at EMS is to create a safe learning environment where the privacy of students and staff is honoured, and academic honesty is secured.

For this reason, smart glasses are not permitted in school.

FAQ'S

1. **What exactly counts as "Smart Glasses"?**

Smart glasses are any eyewear equipped with electronic features beyond standard vision correction. This includes frames with:

- **Cameras** for photos or video, **Microphones** and speakers for AI interaction, **Heads-up displays (HUD)** that project information onto the lens. **Examples** include (but not limited to) Meta Ray-Bans, and various models by Oakley or Solos.

2. **My child needs these for their prescription. What should I do?**

If your child requires a specific technological aid for a **documented medical or accessibility need** (e.g., visual impairment assistance), please contact us. We will work with you to find a solution that meets their needs while maintaining the privacy of our school community.

3. **What if the camera isn't being used?**

Because it is impossible for staff to monitor whether a device is actively recording, streaming or accessing AI during a lesson or exam, the policy applies to the **possession** of the device on campus, regardless of whether the features are turned on.

4. **How does this differ from a smart phone?**

While smartphones also have cameras and AI, they are visible when in use. Smart glasses allow for **"perspective recording"**, which can capture video or audio at eye level without the subject's classroom discussions.

5. **Can my child wear them if they promise not to use the "smart" features?**

To ensure fairness and consistency for all students, we **require that these devices remain at home**. This prevents any confusion during assessments and protects your child from the liability of accidental recordings or academic integrity concerns.

6. **Will the school confiscate them?**

Our goal is to work with families. If a student is found wearing smart glasses, they will be asked to store them securely in their locker or the main office for the remainder of the day. Repeated instances may result in further discussion with parents regarding the **Code of Conduct.**

EARL MARRIOTT SECONDARY

MARINERS

NO E-SCOOTERS ON CAMPUS

For the safety of our students and staff, e-scooters and other powered personal mobility devices are **NOT permitted** on school property at any time.

LEAVE IT AT HOME.
KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

GET HERE YOUR WAY!

WALK

Great for you and good for the environment.

RIDE YOUR BIKE

A healthy, active and fun way to get to school.

TAKE TRANSIT

Perfect for longer journeys—sit back, relax and arrive ready to learn.

Together, let's keep Earl Marriott
SAFE, RESPECTFUL & RESPONSIBLE.