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To all members of our Salish Community,
Re: Personal Device Use Expectations for 2026–27

Over the past few years, there has been continued attention across British Columbia regarding personal device use in schools. As we enter Year 3 of our personal device policy, Surrey Schools remains committed to a balanced approach: leveraging the benefits of technology while minimizing distractions to learning and helping students become responsible digital citizens.

Student Expectations

- Students must not access, post, or engage with social media content (e.g., Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok) during school hours or play video games. All notifications for social media and game-related apps must be turned off while on school grounds.
- Students are not permitted to create online accounts falsely representing Salish Secondary.
- Students are not allowed to take photos or record videos of others using personal devices at school.
- Teachers may allow personal devices in class **only when** they directly support learning activities. Outside of these times, students must keep their phones in a designated area as directed by teachers.
- **All students in Grades 8–12 will be required to place their cell phones in the classroom phone hotels at the beginning of each class.**
- During emergency drills or actual emergencies, students must not use personal devices.

We appreciate the efforts of students and families in supporting this policy. As we continue forward, we ask for your partnership in reinforcing responsible device habits at home and school.

Mr. Haffner
Principal