



NNCEA Technology Policy- Revised August 30 2024

The Nisichawayasi Nehetho Culture and Education Authority recognizes the use of electronic devices continues to play a prominent role in our everyday lives. The use of cell phones has caused an increase in student distraction and engagement in online behaviours. To combat student distractions, cyber bullying, cyber violence, and to improve student accountability and classroom engagement the following policy has been revised which is in line with the Province of Manitoba's.

NNCEA will manage the use of electronic devices in all schools to minimize student disruptions and distractions. Unauthorized use of cell phones will disrupt student learning and engagement.

Guidelines:

1. Cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted at school for students for Kindergarten to Grade 8. Cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted during breaks or lunch hour while on school grounds.
2. Student communication for grades K-8 should occur through their school's respective main office.
3. Cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted while in classrooms for Grades 9-12 students. Cell phones and electronic devices are permitted for Grades 9-12 during breaks and lunch hour.
4. Student communication for grades 9-12 should also occur through their school's respective main office during class time.
5. School staff are provided with direction from administration on the use of phones during work time for applicable staff.
6. The use of electronic devices to invade personal privacy or contribute to incidents that involve violent or illegal behaviour will be addressed through student discipline including but not limited to suspension or removal from in class learning.
7. Delegated school staff may confiscate electronic devices from students if they are used for unauthorized purposes or at unauthorized times. Repeated unauthorized use will lead to further discipline from their respective school.
8. NNCEA will assume no responsibility in any circumstance for any lost, damaged, and destructed property including theft of any electronic while on school property and associated with the unauthorized use or confiscation of a device.

NNCEA School Progressive Discipline for Unauthorized Use:

- 1st Offence- Documented verbal warning
- 2nd Offence- Cell phone confiscated from delegated staff and held in office, student may retrieve cell phone from office at lunch or at end of day
- 3rd Offence- Cell phone confiscated from delegated staff and held in office, parent and/or guardian must pick up phone from office at end of school day
- 4th Offence- Further discipline consisting of possible suspension or restorative justice measures.