

Staff Report



May 14, 2024

To Board of Education (Public Meeting)

From Sean Nosek, Superintendent/CEO

Re **Board Policy 15 – Student Code of Conduct – Notice of Motion**

This report is presented to the Board for information.

BACKGROUND:

Changes to Board Policy 15 – Student Code of Conduct are presented as attached.

The *Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order* has been [amended](#), effective July 1, 2024, to require all boards of education to include one or more statements restricting student use of personal digital devices (including cell phones) at school to promote focused learning environments and safety. Codes of Conduct are required to be updated to align with the amended *Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order* by July 1, and submitted by August 15, 2024 to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

The policy changes align with the order. If agreed upon, and in accordance with Board Policy 10—Policy Formation and Review, the proposed revised Policy 15 will be brought to the June 18, 2024, Public Board meeting for approval.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF
EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

School Act

Ministerial Order No. M89

I, Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care, order that, effective July 1, 2024, the Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order, MO 276/07 is amended as set out in the attached schedule.

March 21, 2024



Date

Minister of Education and Child Care

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *School Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412, s. 168 (2) (s.1)*

Other: MO 276/2007; MO 208/2014; MO 341/2016

SCHEDULE

1 *Section 1 of the Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order, is repealed and the following substituted:*

1 In this order:

“**board**” includes a francophone education authority as defined in the *School Act*;

“**personal digital device**” means any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone or a tablet.

2 *Section 6 is amended by adding the following paragraph:*

(d.1) one or more statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices at school for the purpose of promoting online safety and focused learning environments;

3 *The following section is added:*

8 Further to section 6 (d.1), the statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices at school must address the following matters:

- (a) restrictions on the use of personal digital devices at school, including during hours of instruction;
- (b) use of personal digital devices for instructional purposes and digital literacy;
- (c) use of personal digital devices that is appropriate to a student’s age and developmental stage;
- (d) accessibility and accommodation needs;
- (e) medical and health needs;
- (f) equity to support learning outcomes.