

## **POLICY 810: Use of Information and Communications Technology**

The Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) believes in the benefits of Information and Communications Technology (ICT). The Board believes that ICT can be used to enhance communication and learning in schools, as well as to support District operating activities.

This Policy is applicable to all persons using ICT resources while studying, working or visiting District facilities. Staff, trustees, students, parents, guardians and educational partners using ICT resources are expected to do so in a responsible, ethical manner in accordance with Board Policies and procedures. Access to ICT is a privilege and not a right and may be withdrawn if individuals do not comply with Board Policies.

The Board understands that access to ICT may expose items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While the intent is to use ICT to further educational goals and objectives, individuals may find ways to access other materials as well. Controls are in place but are not capable of blocking 100% of the inappropriate material. The Board believes the benefits of ICT, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages.

All individuals who are given access to District ICT are required to know and abide by this Policy in order to ensure that ICT is being used in a safe and responsible manner. The use of personal devices connected to District ICT is also subject to this Policy.

Students are fully responsible for lost or damaged personal devices.