

POLICY 810: Use of Information and Communication Technology

The Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) believes in the benefits of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and how it may be used to enhance communication, learning in schools, and support the district's operating activities.

Staff, 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 Access to ICT is a privilege and not a right and may be withdrawn if individuals do not comply with Board Policies.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 use 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 the 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 ICT is also subject to this Policy.

Students are 100% responsible for lost or damaged personal devices.