

## **POLICY 830: Wireless Technology in Schools**

The Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) is committed to providing and improving technology to support teaching and learning. The Board believes that technology contributes to keeping our schools current and that wireless networks allow schools to offer enhanced learning opportunities in a flexible environment. As such, the Board recognizes that mobile devices support student engagement and can provide seamless access to web-based technologies, instead of periodic use of technology in dedicated computer labs or single user classroom stations.

The Board supports the potential for staff members and visitors to work in environments where wireless networks provide access to web-based technologies, data and information.

Radio frequency energy levels from Wi-Fi (wireless) equipment in all areas accessible by students, staff and the public are required to meet Health Canada's safety guidelines (Safety Code 6). Decisions about the installation of wireless networks will be made in accordance with the safety standards set by Health Canada. School District No. 8 follows the current medical guidance provided by the Province, which indicates that Wi-Fi does not constitute a threat to the health of B.C. residents. Please see this [B.C. Government article](#) for more information on Wi-Fi use in schools.