

Bert Bowes Middle School

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“...students, staff and parents working and learning together in a caring community”



Bert Bowes Middle School Digital Citizenship and Safety Plan

The Bert Bowes school community is expected to adhere to the School District 60 User Agreement, School District 60 Code of Conduct, and the Bert Bowes Middle School Code of Conduct. Being a positive digital citizen is an expectation for all.

Each student participates in a Digital Citizenship and Safety Presentation in addition to individual grade meetings where students are provided with the opportunity to ask questions and receive additional clarification on aspects of digital citizenship and safe interaction online.

Bert Bowes Administration bring in experts from the field of technology and has a close working relationship with the RCMP. Our external presenters supplement the teaching done at the school level to ensure that our students have the tools to use the internet in ways that benefits learning and maximizes student safety. In addition, our grade 7 students were targeted to be the recipients of Self/Peer Exploitation presentations from School District staff.

Expectations for Behaviour

Bert Bowes Cell Phones/Electronic Device Policy

In accordance with the BCED plan, students may bring their own electronic devices to school. The expectation is that these devices will be used for educational purposes only during class time as facilitated by the teacher. Students who want wireless connection at school must sign and abide by the Acceptable Use Agreement at the beginning of the year. Parents, please refrain from texting your child during class as it interferes with the learning process. Should you need to contact them, you are welcome to phone the school and we will get a message to them. If it is not of immediate concern, waiting to text them while they are on their lunch would be appreciated. The school

cannot be held responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of electronic devices, so please advise your child to lock them up while in PE class etc. If students use these devices inappropriately and it becomes a distraction, they will be directed to put the device away in a secure area, and teachers will contact you. If misuse continues to be an issue, students will be referred to the administration and parents will be contacted.

Bert Bowes Internet Use Policy

Bert Bowes staff and students must follow the Internet Policy of School District No. 60. In brief, this policy mandates that a teacher must supervise all students using the Internet. Students may access the Internet only for school and other “appropriately related” information. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right.

Students at Bert Bowes agree to follow all computer management rules as outlined by instructors. Each student must agree to refrain from the activities listed below:

- Physical abuse of technology equipment.
- Attempting or succeeding to break into hardware or software settings or computer security systems.
- Downloading, viewing or reading inappropriate material or music on the computer. Inappropriate – sexually explicit content and images, pornography, material related to illicit drugs, the promotion of violence, or any other web site deemed inappropriate by the instructor.

Failure to do so may result in a school suspension or the cancellation of computer lab privileges.