Saskatoon Public Schools believe that the use of the Internet and/or personal digital devices supports relevant and challenging life-long learning for our students. All activity conducted on hardware owned by Saskatoon Public Schools is logged. Activity logs may be viewed and used where necessary to ensure our Administrative Procedure 140 – “Computer/Online Services Acceptable Use” is followed.

To support additional learning opportunities, Saskatoon Public Schools has also provided Internet wireless access in all schools and initiated broad education efforts related to “Digital Citizenship in the 21st Century”. Students are provided with individualized computer accounts and passwords to access computers and online/wireless services to support their learning. Students who elect to bring personal digital devices to school have the ability to access the Internet with their account. This access is subject to the school’s overall rules regarding personal digital devices. Examples of personal digital devices include cell phones, smart phones, MP3 players, Ipods, Ipads, and notebook computers.

When using digital devices, students must adhere to the following principles:

• Digital devices are to be used to enhance the learning that takes place in schools. They are not to disrupt that learning.

• Digital devices are to be used in a manner that is respectful of all students and school staff. For example, students using digital devices to photograph or video any member of the school staff or students in the school without the permission of those staff or students is considered disrespectful.

1. Access to the Internet and wireless services, either with school division or personal digital devices is an individual privilege enjoyed by students, not a right.

2. A student’s conduct on the Internet and wireless services, either with school division or personal digital devices, is governed by the same expectations which guide his or her behaviour at school.

3. In elementary schools, access to the Internet with school division digital devices is provided only when students are supervised.

4. In collegiates, students may access the Internet with school division digital devices without supervision.

5. If students choose to bring personal digital devices to school (at both the elementary and secondary level) they can access the Internet (whose sites have been filtered as per point 7 below) without supervision during non-instructional time (e.g. lunch hour, before or after class). During instructional time they can access the Internet with their teacher’s permission.
6. Students who choose to bring personal digital devices to school should be aware of the following:
   - In the event the digital device is used in an inappropriate manner, (or inappropriate use is suspected), the digital device itself can be confiscated and may be searched by a member of the school’s administrative team. If parents/students do not agree with this condition students should not bring the digital device to school.
   - Schools are not responsible for the theft or loss of personal digital devices that students may choose to bring to school.

7. Saskatoon Public Schools actively blocks access to inappropriate Internet sites. If a student deliberately seeks to access inappropriate material or uses the computer services provided in a malicious manner, the consequences are governed by the Saskatoon Public Schools’ Administrative Procedure 140 – “Computer/Online Services Acceptable Use” - which can be found on the Saskatoon Public Schools’ public website at www.spsd.sk.ca/files/board/AdministrativeProceduresManual.pdf

Consequences are outlined in Administrative Procedure 140 and appear in the student version of the procedure as follows:

   What can happen to me if I break the rules?
   1. I won’t be able to use the computers.
   2. I might be disciplined.
   3. I might have to pay for what I broke.
   4. The police may be called.

8. If you do not want your son/daughter to access the Internet at school, please contact the school and request the Internet Use Denial Form. This form is then signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the school.