



Dear Parents and Guardians,

A wireless student network (Open Access) for internet access is provided at Western Canada High School and student-owned personal electronic devices such as laptops, netbooks, tablets, smart phones and digital storage devices will be permitted on campus. The use of these devices by students, with the guidance of parents and teachers, will assist in addressing individual student preferences and needs for learning. Individual subject teachers will clarify and instruct students on the appropriate use of such devices in their classroom.

Western Canada High School encourages the use of computing and network resources to enhance the learning environment of the school community. Access to the computing and network environment is to be used in effective, ethical and lawful ways that support the policies of the Calgary Board of Education.
<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/policies/governance.asp#ends>

This Open Access will be available to students on a voluntary basis and is governed by Western Canada High School's Acceptable Use Policy which focuses on student learning and places the responsibility on the students for compliance. Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss the learning opportunities and the risks with their son or daughter. Western Canada High School's Acceptable Use Policy is included in this mail-out and will be located on the school web site <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b816/>. Copies of these documents are also available through the main office.

Please Note:

- Responsibility for loss, theft or damage to student devices rests solely with the student.
- Tech support will not be available for personal devices.
- Content filtering that is normally used to filter inappropriate materials on the school's internal network will also be applied to the open access network.
- Items that students must not bring into the school learning environment include, but are not limited to, sites, programs and software in contravention of WCHS Acceptable Use Policy.

Thank you for your attention to this important information. For more information:
Western Canada High School website www.cbe.ab.ca/b816
CBE website at <http://www.innovativelearning.ca/sec-learntech/webaware-index.asp>

Sincerely,

Carma Cornea, Principal