

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Background

In an effort to support students with special needs who need supports to continue outside of school, who leave the Prairie South Schools to attend school elsewhere or who choose to further their education at a post secondary institution, the Director or designate may consider allowing the student to utilize the assistive technology that Prairie South Schools purchased for them.

Procedures

Utilization of the assistive technology is subject to the following:

1. For students who attend another school:
 - 1.1 The receiving Saskatchewan school division requests in writing that the student be allowed to continue to use the assistive technology that the student has had access to during their school years in Prairie South Schools. The receiving Saskatchewan school division must provide reasonable rationale as to why their school division cannot provide similar assistive technology for the student to use.
2. For students who attend a post secondary institution:
 - 2.1 An Assistive Technology Lending Agreement Form (Appendix A 342) has been completed by the parents, requesting that the student be allowed to borrow the assistive technology that the student has had access to during their school years.
 - 2.2 The parents/student have provided documentation to the Student Services Coordinator that he/she has enrolled and been accepted into study at a recognized post secondary institution.
 - 2.3 There will be no charge to the student or their family for their use of the assistive technology while the student attends a post secondary institution. The student will return the assistive technology to the Prairie South Schools upon completion of the post secondary program. All repair maintenance charges will be the responsibility of the student/family while the assistive technology is in their care.
3. An application to purchase the assistive technology from the Prairie South Schools can be completed at any time. The Prairie South Schools will depreciate the assistive technology by 25% per year.
4. For students who has recommendations to use technological supports outside the school setting:

- 4.1 **An Assistive Technology Lending Agreement Form (Appendix A 342)** has been completed by the parents, requesting that the student be allowed to borrow the assistive technology that the student has had access to during their school years.
- 4.2 The parents/student have provided documentation to the Student Services Coordinator that he/she has recommendations for the technology to be used outside of school setting.
- 4.3 There will be no charge to the student or their family for their use of the assistive technology while the student utilizes the technology for personal use. The student will be required to return the technology upon their return. All repair maintenance charges will be the responsibility of the student/family while the assistive technology is in their care.

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