

**R.S. McLaughlin Collegiate and Vocational Institute  
The Durham District School Board**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Students:

In addition to the on-line learning environment and plagiarism prevention software currently being offered in schools, The Durham District School Board and R.S. McLaughlin are now pleased to offer wireless Internet access.

**Wireless**

The Durham District School Board provides wireless Internet access for R.S. McLaughlin students. Wireless access to the Internet allows students to use their own devices for educational purposes. Students and parents must first give consent to the attached terms and conditions in order to be approved for Internet access and the use of personal electronic devices at R.S. McLaughlin.

**Conditions for use of wireless and personal electronic devices:**

- Cellular devices (e.g., cell phones, mobile Internet sticks and 3G+ Tablets) are never permitted outside of instructional areas (classrooms and the library);
- The use of computers and personal electronic devices in any instructional area requires *teacher authorization*. Students who fail to receive such authorization will face disciplinary action and risk losing their technology privileges at R.S. McLaughlin;
- Students who use technology for purposes that fall outside a lesson directive (e.g., text messaging) will have in *class technological privileges suspended indefinitely* and will be subject to an office referral.

**Moodle**

Moodle is a Virtual Learning Environment used to support the in-class work of teachers and students. Through a class Moodle page, students access class calendars to keep them organized, download course notes, participate in class discussions, and link to valuable online resources.

The Moodle server is owned and operated within the Durham District School Board (DDSB) internal network, safely behind the Board's digital firewall. All activity can be tracked and retrieved at a later date should the need arise.

Moodle is not a social networking site like Facebook. Personal photographs and email addresses should not be added to student profiles. Moodle is an extension of the physical classroom, and its users are subject to the school's code of conduct.

**Turnitin.com**

In order to ensure that school work is free of plagiarism, students are required to submit teacher-selected assignments to Turnitin.com. Turnitin.com's detection software alerts students to potential plagiarism problems; this early detection allows students to correct their work and accurately cite quoted or paraphrased material. Since academic penalties and/or additional school consequences may be applied if plagiarism has taken place, the student's ability to ascertain and remedy improper sourcing using Turnitin.com's detection software is certainly beneficial.

Each student is required to submit their name and an email address to Turnitin.com. A copy of student assignments is also kept on file in Turnitin's database as part of its plagiarism detection mandate. Parents may be contacted by the school when plagiarism occurs. This information is collected under s.264 of the *Education Act* and Regulation 298, s.20.

A copy of this policy is available on R.S. McLaughlin's website:  
**<http://rsmclaughlincvi.ddsbschools.ca>**

*\*The above policy is subject to change as per directives from The Durham District School Board or The Ontario Ministry of Education.\**

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**I accept R.S. McLaughlin's Wireless, Moodle and Turnitin.com policy contained in this document.**

**Student's Name (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Room:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_