



Section: Pupils
Title: Electronic Devices
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237. Electronic Devices

Purpose The Board adopts this policy in order to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure for district students and employees.

Definition **Electronic devices** shall include all devices that can take photographs; record audio or video data; store, transmit or receive messages or images; or provide a wireless connection to the Internet. Examples of these electronic devices include, but shall not be limited to, cellular telephones, digital tablets (iPad, Netbook or Laptop), ereaders, or personal digital assistants (PDA's).

Authority Electronic devices brought to school shall be restricted to classroom or instructional-related activities and/or in approved locations under the supervision of professional staff. All use will be in line with the expectations set forth in the Student Code of Conduct and the Acceptable Use policy. The Board expressly prohibits use of electronic devices in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas. Students shall comply with the guidelines set by the classroom teacher or school officials for the educational use of electronic devices while on school property or while engaged in a school-sponsored activity.

18 Pa. C.S.A.
Sec. 5702 Use of electronic devices or photography and/or recording may only occur when authorized by the building principal, district administration, or designated professional staff member for the purposes of participation in educational activities.

The Board prohibits the taking, storing, disseminating, transferring, possessing, viewing, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal materials, whether by electronic data transfer or other means, including but not limited to, texting and emailing. Because such violations may constitute a crime under local, state and/or federal law, the district shall report such conduct to local, state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.

Administrators shall confiscate devices implicated in this electronic data transfer and immediately contact law enforcement when possession or distribution of such images is discovered or reasonably suspected. Audio and video taping shall be consistent with state/federal laws. Recording anyone without their knowledge and permission is prohibited and may be punishable under federal, state and local laws.

Pol. 815

The district will provide filtered Internet access for student use in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act and policy 815. Electronic devices capable of accessing the Internet must be registered with the district prior to connection to the district wireless Internet. The district is not capable of filtering the content for students using non-district supplied devices that are capable of accessing the Internet via non-district network access, such as cellular phone networks. Parents/Guardians assume all responsibility for unfiltered student access to the internet via non-district Internet connections such as a cellular phone network.

The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student; possessed/used during the school day; in/on district buildings, district property, district vehicles or contracted vehicles; during transport to/from school; while attending school-sponsored activities during the school day; and/or any/all school-sponsored activities generally. The district will provide no technical support, troubleshooting, or repair for personal electronic devices.

**Delegation of
Responsibility**
SC 1317.1

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and staff about the district's electronic device policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, on the district website, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.

Pol. 113

Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with prior approval of the building principal or designee, or when use is provided for in a student's individualized educational program (IEP).

With prior administrative approval, exceptions can be made for the following:

1. A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.
1. A student who has a need for such a device due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.
2. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1

Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act – 18 Pa. C.S.A.

Sec. 5703

Board Policy – 113, 218, 233, 815