

Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

The Board adopts this policy in order to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure for district students and employees. The Board recognizes the need to provide access to technological resources. The district has the right to place restrictions on the personal use of these devices and to require users to abide by Board policies and school rules.

Definition

Electronic devices shall include all devices that operate using electrical power and include components such as batteries, circuits, or processors. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, tablets, laptops, smartwatches, earbuds, gaming devices, and any other portable or wearable technology capable of sending, receiving, storing, or processing information. ~~shall include all devices that can take photographs; record audio or video data; store, transmit or receive messages or images; or provide a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet. Examples of these electronic devices include, but shall not be limited to, radios, walkmans, CD players, iPods, MP3 players, DVD players, handheld game consoles, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), cellular telephones, BlackBerries, iPads, e-readers and laptop computers, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.~~

Personal electronic device: Any privately owned electronic item that can be carried or worn by a student and is capable of storing, transmitting, or receiving data, images, video, or audio. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, earbuds, portable gaming systems, and similar wireless or Bluetooth-enabled technology.

Authority

The Board prohibits use of **personal** electronic devices by students during the school day in district buildings; on district property; during the time students are under the supervision of the district; and in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time.[\[1\]](#)

All **personal** electronic devices must be turned off ~~and out of view during instructional and noninstructional time during the school day.~~ **and stored in student's bookbag, personal storage device, locker, or district-provided caddy at all times during the school day as described in the respective school handbook.**

The Board prohibits the transmission of unauthorized or confidential information through electronic devices **or personal electronic devices.**

The Board prohibits possession of laser pointers and attachments and telephone paging devices/beepers by students in district buildings; on district property; on district buses and vehicles; and at school-sponsored activities.[2]

Students **who** bring **personal** electronic devices onto school property at their own risk.

The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage, theft or misuse of any **personal** electronic device.

Electronic Images and Photographs

The Board prohibits the taking, storing, disseminating, transferring, viewing, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or other means, including but not limited to texting and emailing.

Because such violations may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law, the district may report such conduct to state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.

Electronic devices and personal electronic devices may not be used to take pictures and video or record audio during the school day without the explicit permission of the building principal, faculty, staff, or student.

Off-Campus Activities

Any student who uses an electronic device to commit a violation of the code of student conduct while traveling to and from school or a school-sponsored activity, or while engaged in an extracurricular or athletic activity, may be subject to discipline. [2][3][4][5]

~~This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the code of student conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:[2]~~

- ~~1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school-district furnished transportation.~~
- ~~2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.[3][4][5]~~
- ~~3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school.~~

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and employees about the Board's electronic device policy.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

Guidelines

Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and shall result in confiscation of the electronic device **or personal electronic device**, as outlined in the student handbook.[2][6][7]

Any attempt to bypass the district's content-filtered network shall be considered a violation of this policy.[9]

Students may not utilize any electronic device or personal electronic device to cyberbully, harass, threaten, demean, humiliate, intimidate, embarrass or annoy their classmates or others in the school community.[10]

Students not following expectations for use of electronic devices and personal electronic devices will face disciplinary consequences and the loss of the privilege to utilize devices in the district for a period of time determined by the administration and commensurate with the infraction.

Exceptions

The building principal may grant approval for possession and use of a **personal** electronic device by a student for the following reasons:

1. Health, safety or emergency reasons.
2. An individualized education program (IEP).[8]
3. ~~Classroom or instructional related activities.~~
4. ~~Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.~~

~~The building principal may grant approval for possession and use of a telephone paging device/beeper by a student for the following reasons:[2].~~

3. Student is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.
4. Student has a need due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.
5. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.

Students will only use appropriate educational/medical applications on their devices.

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 510](#)

2. Pol. 218
3. Pol. 122
4. Pol. 121
5. Pol. 123
6. Pol. 226
7. Pol. 233
8. Pol. 113
9. Policy 815
10. Pol. 249