

# HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ACCEPTABLE USE OF PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

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| 237 - ACCEPTABLE USE OF PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES |   |
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| 1. Authority<br>SC 1317.1                             | <p>The Board of School Directors, in concert with the Pennsylvania School Code, prohibits the possession of telephone paging devices/beepers (other than cell phones) by students on district property, on buses or other vehicles provided by the district, and at school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>In consideration of the recent proliferation and extensive utilization of personal technology resources, the Board recognizes the need to establish guidelines for the use of such so as not to disrupt the primary function of the schools.</p>  |
| 2. Definition   | <p>Personal Technology Resources shall be defined as any device that is not assigned to the student by the district which is capable of capturing, storing, and/or transmitting information, including text, audio, and/or video data. Personal technology resources include, but are not limited to, such devices as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- cellular devices (those that receive and send messages electronically)</li> <li>- digital cameras</li> <li>- personal digital assistants (PDAs)</li> <li>- laptop computers</li> <li>- electronic games</li> <li>- MP3 players</li> <li>- laser pointers</li> <li>- mobile devices</li> <li>- digital tablets</li> </ul>  |
| SC 510  | <p>The Board prohibits the use of Personal Technology Resources, including cellular telephones, by students during the regular school day, unless expressly authorized by a building administrator or teacher. All cellular devices and any electronics not specifically being used for educational purposes must be powered off during the school day. The limited use of Personal Technology Resources may be authorized by a building administrator during non-instructional time periods (e.g. indoor recess, dismissal time/ provided that such use does not create disruptions or distractions and provided that the content on the personal device is developmentally appropriate, as determined by the building administrator. Further, students will not be permitted to use such devices while participating in extracurricular activities unless expressly authorized by the building administrator or the sponsor of the activity. In this instance, participant will be defined as any student who is a member of an organized team or who is directly involved in an organized after-school activity (e.g. Band, Theater, Forensics, etc.). The term is not intended to include individuals who are in attendance at an event solely as spectators.</p> |

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| <p>18 Pa. C.S.A<br/>Sec. 5703</p> <p>3. Delegation of<br/>Responsibility</p> | <p>Additionally, the Board prohibits the use, by students, of any portable devices for the purpose of capturing, storing and/or transmitting information, including text, audio or video data, unless expressly authorized by the building administrator or teacher.</p> <p>Cellular telephones that have the capability of taking photographs or recording audio or video data, shall not be used for such purposes while on district property, on buses or other vehicles provided by the district, or while a student is engaged in school-sponsored activities, unless expressly authorized in advance by the building principal or teacher.</p> <p>In order to use personal technology resources including those that provide wireless access and/or communication, students must obtain permission from the building principal or teacher.</p> <p>The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student. The use of personal technology resources will also be governed by Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #249 - Bullying</li> <li>• #815-Acceptable Use of Internet,</li> <li>• #815.1-Technology and</li> <li>• #815.2-Computer Use.</li> </ul> <p>Violations of this policy by a student may result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the personal technology resources for an extended period of time. If a violation of this policy causes/creates a violation of any other HTSD Policies, additional consequences will result.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall promulgate procedures regarding the implementation of this policy and annually notify students, parents/guardians, and staff about the district’s Acceptable Use of Personal Technology Resources policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, newsletters, posted notices, or other efficient methods.</p> |
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