



Book	Policy Manual
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### **Purpose**

The Board adopts this Policy to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure for District students and employees.

### **Definitions**

**Electronic devices** shall include all devices that can take photographs; record or store audio or video data; store, transmit or receive messages, images or data; or provide a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet. Examples of electronic devices include, but shall not be limited to, cellular telephones, smartphones (e.g. iPhones and Android devices; telephone paging devices/beepers; global positioning system (GPS) devices; laptop computers; portable game units; mp3 players; personal digital assistants (PDAs); digital cameras; tablet personal computers (e.g. iPads), as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.

**School day** as used in this policy shall mean the time during which students are in attendance at school, including on the school bus, while traveling from home to school and school to home, on school field trips, or other school-related activities which occur during typical school hours.

**District Property** as used in this policy shall mean District property; in or on the grounds of District buildings; in District buses or vehicles; during all times outside of District property while under supervision of the District, including but not limited to locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites or changing areas of any location.

### **Use of Electronic Devices**

The Board prohibits the use and possession of electronic devices by students during the School Day in any District Property subject to the specific Board-approved exceptions and guidelines contained herein.[\[1\]](#)

Students may bring cell phones or electronic devices to school, if necessary, but must turn them in to school personnel while school is in session.

The Board prohibits the possession of laser pointers and attachments by students on School Property, on buses and other vehicles provided by the District, and at school-sponsored activities, [. \[2\]](#)

### **Electronic Images and Photographs**

The Board prohibits any student, on School Property at any time, from 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.

The Board further prohibits any student, during the School Day, from taking, storing, disseminating, transferring viewing or sharing any photograph, image or video of any person on School Property.

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.

Such prohibited activity shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property if:

1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the students' attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.
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.[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

3. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement made on school property to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct.[5]

### **Violations**

Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the electronic device.

The District shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student. The District reserves its right to disclaim liability for the loss, damage or misuse of an electronic device that is confiscated due to a violation of this policy. The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a review procedure to address claims that a student or parent/guardian-owned electronic device was damaged upon confiscation.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

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, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.

Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made as identified in applicable administrative regulations.

### **Exceptions to General Prohibition**

The Superintendent or designee or school principal may grant approval for possession and use of an electronic device by a student for the following reasons:

1. Health, safety or emergency reasons.
2. As required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.[3]
3. Approved classroom or instructional-related activities.
4. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.

### **Laptop Computers/Personal Digital Assistants**

Laptop computers and personal digital assistants (PDAs) brought to school shall be restricted to classroom or instructional-related activities. Students shall comply with the guidelines set by the classroom teacher or school officials for the educational use of laptop computers and PDAs.

### **Telephone Pagers/Beeper**

With prior administrative approval, the telephone paging device/beeper prohibition shall not apply in the following cases[2]:

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

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

[2. 24 P.S. 1317.1](#)

[3. Pol. 108](#)

4. Pol. 119
5. Pol. 212
6. Pol. 232
7. Pol. 813.1

