



BOARD POLICY

237-DUP1 Electronic Devices

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Purpose

The Board adopts this policy in order to support an educational environment that is orderly, safe and secure for district students and employees, while also recognizing that electronic devices may provide a positive contribution when used for educational purposes.

Definition

Electronic devices shall include all devices that can take photographs; record, play or edit audio or video data; store, transmit or receive calls, messages, text, data or images; run applications; or connect to the Internet or other wireless network, including cellular, Wi-Fi, or Bluetooth.; ~~operate online applications; or provide a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet.~~

Examples of these electronic devices include, but shall not be limited to, cell phones and smart phones, smart watches and other wearables, wireless earbuds and headphones, tablets and laptops not issued by the District, portable gaming devices, cameras, smart glasses, ~~radios, walkmans, CD players, iPods, MP3 players, DVD players, handheld game consoles, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), cellular telephones, BlackBerries, and laptop computers,~~ as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.

This definition does not include District-issued devices used for an approved educational purpose, or a device used only as approved by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), Section 504 plan, or documented medical need.

Authority

The Board prohibits use of electronic devices by students during the school day, ~~in district buildings; on district property; on district buses and vehicles and during the time students are under the supervision of the district.~~^[1]

The Board prohibits use of electronic devices in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time.

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]

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

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.

~~Building principals, in consultation with the Superintendent and in compliance with Board policy, administrative regulations and rules, are authorized to determine the extent of the use of electronic devices within their buildings and programs, on district property, and/or while students are attending school-sponsored activities. Use of electronic devices at the elementary level may be different than at the middle school and/or high school levels or may be different between programs. Building principals shall establish rules and notify students, staff and parents/guardians of all applicable rules for use of electronic devices within their buildings and programs.~~

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 student's 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]

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.

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 may result in confiscation of the electronic device. ^{[5] [6] [7]}

Exceptions

The building 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~~ An Individual Health Plan (IHP), individual education plan (IEP) or Section 504 service agreement for a student expressly provides that the student may use an electronic device for educational reasons during the school day; provided such usage complying with the other portions of this policy.

~~An individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement.~~ ^{[8] [9]}

~~Classroom or instructional-related activities, under the supervision of the classroom teacher.~~

2. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal, for example: extended field trips.

3. Or other reasons required by Law.

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

- ~~1. Student is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.~~
 - ~~2. Student has a need due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.~~
 - ~~3. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal:~~
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Legal Footnotes

[1] 24 P.S. 510
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] 24 P.S. 1317.1
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] Pol. 122 — Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activities
POLICY REFERENCE

[4] Pol. 123 — Interscholastic Athletics
POLICY REFERENCE

[5] Pol. 218 — Student Discipline
POLICY REFERENCE

[6] Pol. 226 — Searches
POLICY REFERENCE

[7] Pol. 233 — Suspension and Expulsion
POLICY REFERENCE

[8] Pol. 103.1 — Nondiscrimination — Qualified Students with Disabilities
POLICY REFERENCE

[9] Pol. 113 — Child Find
POLICY REFERENCE