

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

No: 237

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES	
1. Purpose	The Board adopts this policy in order to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure for district students and employees.
2. 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, unfiltered connection to the Internet. Examples of these electronic devices include, but shall not be limited laptop / desktop computers, tablet devices, cell phones, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.
3. Authority SC 510	<p>The Board permits the use of 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 for activities of an academic nature. Devices should be used in a manner that does not disrupt the educational process of the district. Electronic devices may not be used in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time except as outlined in page 2 of this policy under the title of Exceptions.</p> <p>In reference to the time when students are on district buses or vehicles, the appropriate use of electronic devices is permitted. Appropriate use is defined to mean use of iPads, MP3 players, etc. with headphones and use of the text messaging feature of a cell phone only. Phone calls, taking pictures of any kind or audio components that others could hear is not permitted. The school principal has the final determination on what is deemed appropriate.</p>
SC 1317.1	<p>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.</p> <p>The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device.</p> <p><u>Electronic Images And Photographs</u></p> <p>The Board prohibits the capturing, sharing, distributing, or publishing of audio, video, text or photographic content without permission of the District, the person(s) knowledge and consent. The Board prohibits obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs in all instances. All content must comply with the District's Acceptable Use Policy and Copyright / Plagiarism policies.</p> <p>When such violations may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law, the</p>

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<p>Pol. 122, 123</p> <p>Pol. 218</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines Pol. 218, 233</p> <p>SC 1317.1</p>	<p>district shall report such conduct to state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>Such prohibited activity shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and employees about the Board’s electronic device policy.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p> <p>Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the electronic device.</p> <p>The confiscated item shall not be returned until a conference has been held with a parent/guardian.</p> <p><u>Exceptions</u></p> <p>The building administrator may grant approval for possession and use of a telephone paging device/beeper by a student for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1</p> <p>Board Policy – 113, 122, 123, 218, 233, 815</p>
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