

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

ADOPTED: June 15, 2011

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definition</p> <p>3. Authority</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES</p> <p>The Board recognizes that while students are in school their attention needs to be focused on educational endeavors. In order to maintain an optimal learning environment free of distractions, the Board limits the use of electronic devices during the school day and on school vehicles.</p> <p>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 to, 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.</p> <p>The Board prohibits possession of laser pointers and attachments 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 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 e-mailing.</p> <p>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.</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>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 by publishing this policy in handbooks, newsletters, and district web site.</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 will be released to a parent/guardian in person. The confiscated item may not be returned until building level procedures have been followed.</p> <p><u>Personal Communication Devices</u></p> <p>The use of cell phones by students is prohibited during school hours. Cell phones must be turned off and kept in lockers or backpacks during school hours. Cell phones may not be used in school, on the bus platform or while riding the bus both to and from school.</p> <p>Cellular telephones that have the capability to take photographs or to record audio or video shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or while a student is engaged in school-sponsored activities, unless expressly authorized in advance by the building principal or designee.</p>
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SC 1317.1	<p>Laptop computers, personal digital assistants (PDAs) and other personal electronic devices brought to school shall be restricted to classroom or instructional-related activities with professional educator or principal's permission. Students shall comply with the guidelines set by the classroom teacher or school officials for the educational use of laptop computers, PDAs and other personal electronic devices.</p> <p><u>Personal Listening Devices</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The use of personal listening devices is prohibited during school hours. Exceptions may be made by the building principal or professional educators.2. Personal listening devices may be used on school vehicles. Volume must be kept to a minimum level. Inappropriate use of devices or device content may result in loss of this privilege. <p><u>Electronic Games</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The use of personal electronic games is prohibited during school hours. Exceptions may be made by the building principal or professional educators for games that have educational relevance.2. Electronic games may be used on school vehicles. Volume must be kept to a minimum level. Inappropriate use of devices or device content may result in loss of this privilege. <p><u>Telephone Pagers/Beepers</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 on a case-by-case basis.
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<p>Pol. 103.1, 113</p>	<p><u>Exceptions</u></p> <p>The building administrator may grant approval for possession and use of an electronic device by a student for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Health, safety or emergency reasons.2. An individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan.3. Classroom or instructional-related activities.4. 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 – 000, 113, 122, 123, 218, 233, 815</p>
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