

FLEETWOOD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

ADOPTED: November 17, 2009

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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 to, radios, walkmans, CD players, iPods, MP3 players, DVD players, handheld game consoles, personal digital assistants (PDAs), cellular telephones, BlackBerries, telephone paging device/beeper, and laptop computers, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.
3. Authority SC 510	The Board prohibits use of electronic devices by students during the school day in district buildings and in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time. The use of any electronic equipment on school buses that interferes with safety on the bus is prohibited.
SC 1317.1	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. The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device. Students are permitted to bring cellular telephones to school but which shall be turned off during instructional and class time, during passing times between classes, as they enter the building at the start of the school day, and at any other time where use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities.
Pol. 815	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.

<p>Pol. 218</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines Pol. 218, 233</p> <p>Pol. 113</p> <p>SC 1317.1</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 local, 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 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>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 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). 3. Classroom or instructional-related activities. 4. A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance, or rescue squad and meets school eligibility requirements.
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<p>SC 1317.1</p>	<p>5. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.</p> <p><u>Telephone Pagers/Beepers</u></p> <p>With prior administrative approval, the telephone paging device/beeper prohibition shall not apply in the following cases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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 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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