

# MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES	
<p>1. Authority SC 1317.1</p>	<p>The Board prohibits <b>possession of</b> laser pointers and attachments and telephone paging devices/beepers by students on school property, on buses and other vehicles provided by the district, and at school-sponsored activities.</p>
<p>SC 510</p>	<p>The Board prohibits the <b>possession and use</b> of personal communication devices by students during the regular school day, particularly during instructional and class time, unless prior administrative approval has been granted. The use of personal communication devices by students is permitted before and after the regular school day.</p>
<p>Pol. 815</p>	<p>In addition, the Board prohibits <b>possession and use</b> by students of any device that provides for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet.</p> <p>The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student.</p>
<p>2. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>3. Guidelines Pol. 218, 233</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>Telephone Pagers/Beepers</u></p>
<p>SC 1317.1</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"> <li>1. A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.</li> </ol>

<p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5703</p> <p>Pol. 113</p>	<p>2. A student who has a need for such a device due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.</p> <p>3. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.</p> <p><u>Personal Communication Devices</u></p> <p>Cellular telephones shall be turned off during instructional and class time, during passing times between classes, and at any other time where use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities.</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> <p>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> <p>Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with prior approval of the building principal or designee, or when use is provided for in a student’s individualized education program (IEP).</p> <p>References:</p> <p>Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act - 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5703</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1</p> <p>Board Policy – 113, 218, 233, 815</p>
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