

Book	Policy Manual
Section	200 Pupils
Title	Electronic Devices
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Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee adopts this policy in order to support an educational environment that is orderly, safe and secure for 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; operate online applications; or provide a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet.

Authority

Authorized Use of Electronic Devices

Building administrators, in consultation with the Administrative Director and in compliance with Joint Operating Committee policy, administrative regulations and rules, are authorized to determine the extent of the use of electronic devices within their buildings and programs, on school property, and/or while students are attending school-sponsored activities. Use of electronic devices may be different at education levels and between programs. Building administrators shall establish rules and notify students, staff and parents/guardians of all applicable rules for use of electronic devices within their buildings and programs.

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

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

Exceptions

The building administrator may grant approval for possession and use of an electronic device by a student for the following reasons:

1. Health, safety or emergency reasons.
2. An Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement.[1][2]
3. Classroom or instructional-related activities, under the supervision of a classroom teacher.
4. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building administrator.

Electronic Images and Photographs

The Joint Operating Committee 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.

Because such violations may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law, the school may report such conduct to state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Administrative Director or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and employees about the electronic device policy.

The Administrative Director 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.[3][4][5]

The confiscated item may not be returned until a conference has been held with a parent/guardian.

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| Legal | 1. Pol. 103.1 |
| | 2. Pol. 113 |
| | 3. Pol. 218 |
| | 4. Pol. 226 |
| | 5. Pol. 233 |
| | 24 P.S. 510 |
| | 24 P.S. 1850.1 |
| | Pol. 235 |
| | Pol. 815 |