

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: **PERSONAL ELECTRONIC
DEVICES**

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<p>1. Authority SC 510</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">237. PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES</p> <p>The Board prohibits use of personal electronic devices and personal communication devices by students during the instructional school day. During the school day, electronic devices shall be turned off and stored in the student's locked locker or personal vehicle.</p> <p>Use of personal electronic devices during transportation to/from, and other designated times during a school sponsored activity where the student represents the school, will be determined and enforced by the coach, advisor, sponsor of the activity, provided all regulations set forth in this policy are followed.</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 personal laptop computers, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.</p> <p><u>Electronic Images And Photographs Additional Information:</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. Students are reminded that recording of audio in the Commonwealth without the knowledge or consent of the party being recorded is a crime in this Commonwealth.</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>SC 1317.1</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 direct 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 Board prohibits possession of 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>With prior administrative approval, the telephone paging device/beeper and/or electronic device 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, for the sole purpose of receiving a call for response by the appropriate emergency organization. 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>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>Pol. 113</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, or other efficient methods.</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>3. Guidelines Pol. 218, 233</p>	<p>Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action which may include 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>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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