

# MOUNT CARMEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES	
<p>1. Authority SC 1317.1</p> <p>SC 510</p> <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5703</p> <p>Pol. 815</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>The Board regulates the use of, according to the district’s Bring Your Own Technology Plan, <b>use of</b> personal communication devices by students during the school day in district buildings, on district property, and while students are attending school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>The Board regulates the use of, according to the district’s Bring Your Own Technology Plan, <b>use of</b> cellular telephones that have the capability to take photographs or record audio or video in district buildings, on district property and while students are engaged in school defined day, including athletic competition and participation in an educational activity after hours.</p> <p>In addition, the Board prohibits <b>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>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, posted notices, and 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 and may result in confiscation of the electronic device.</p>

<p>SC 1317.1</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"><li>1. A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.</li><li>2. A student who has a need for such a device due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.</li><li>3. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.</li></ol> <p><u>Laptop Computers/Personal Digital Assistants</u></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 according to the district's Bring Your Own Technology Plan.</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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