

# SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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<p>1. Authority SC 1317.1</p> <p>SC 510</p> <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5703</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES</p> <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>The Board realizes that cellular phones and wireless communication devices are effective communication tools used in today’s society. The Board prohibits the <b>use</b> of these devices by students, unless specific permission is granted by a building-level administrator, during the school day in school buildings, on district property, and while students are attending school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>High school students may bring cellular phones to school each day, but between 8:10 AM and 3:08 PM, the cellular phones must be turned off and stored in the students’ lockers. Cellular phones may not be used by students during this time period and must be stored in the students’ lockers.</p> <p>Elementary students may bring cellular phones to school each day, but between 8:10 AM and 3:15 PM, the cellular phones must be turned off and stored in the students’ coat closet/book bag.</p> <p>Disciplinary consequences shall be established in each school building for violations of this policy by students.</p> <p>The Board prohibits the inappropriate use of digital cameras and/or recording devices on school grounds. Inappropriate use shall be defined as but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Taking someone’s picture without their permission.</li> <li>2. Taking pictures of an inappropriate nature.</li> <li>3. Disturbing the educational process through the taking of pictures.</li> </ol>
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<p>Pol. 815</p>	<p>4. Recording someone’s voice without their permission.</p> <p>The Board shall authorize building-level administrators to implement effective consequences to prevent the inappropriate use of such devices.</p> <p>The Board prohibits the use of headphones within school buildings during the instructional day.</p> <p>In addition, the Board prohibits possession and use 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>Pol. 113</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>The confiscated item shall not be returned until a conference has been held with a parent/guardian.</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>

Laptop Computers/Personal Digital Assistants

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.

References:

Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act –  
18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5703

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1

Board Policy – 113, 218, 233, 815

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