

MORRISVILLE
BOROUGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: 200 PUPILS
TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES
ADOPTED: OCTOBER 24, 2007
REVISED: AUGUST 26, 2015

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<p>1. Purpose 24 P.S. 510</p>	<p>The Board recognizes that mobile phones and electronic devices are now an integral part of the daily lives and culture of many of the district's students. Nonetheless, the Board believes that students should have an educational environment free from unnecessary disruptions and distractions. The Board has determined that the presence of mobile phones and electronic devices has the potential to distract students from their educational mission and to otherwise disrupt the educational environment.</p> <p>The Board shall adopt this policy to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure and free from distractions for its students, while aiming to permit students to reasonably and responsibly utilize mobile technology.</p> <p><u>Definition</u></p> <p>Electronic devices shall include but not be limited to any personal communication device including mobile telephones and smartphones; any device that can capture still images or movies; any device that can record, store, display, transmit, or receive audio or video; personal digital assistants (PDA's); any device that can provide a connection to the internet (whether wireless, wired, 3G or 4G); laptops and tablet computers, electronic gaming systems, pagers, e-readers, and laser pointers.</p>
<p>2. Authority 24 P.S. 1317.1</p>	<p>The Board prohibits use of electronic devices by students during the school day in district buildings; on district property; on district buses and vehicles; during the time students are under the supervision of the district; and in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time.</p> <p>The Board prohibits the possession of laser pointers and telephone paging device/beeper by any student in district buildings and on district property, including on district buses and vehicles; and at activities, sponsored, supervised, or sanctioned by the district. A school administrator may grant an exception to this specific prohibition when a student is a member of a volunteer ambulance, fire, or rescue squad or where the student has a medical condition that necessitates the use of a paging device/beeper.</p> <p><u>Electronic Images and Photographs</u></p>

<p>Pol. 218</p> <p>Pol. 122 Pol. 123</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>4. Guidelines</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 emailing.</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> <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation. 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. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school. 4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property. 6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities. <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and employees about the Board's electronic device policy.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p> <p><u>Guidelines</u></p>
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<p>Pol. 226 Pol. 233</p> <p>Pol. 113</p>	<p><u>Penalties for Violations</u></p> <p>The Board authorizes building administrators, teachers, and security personnel to confiscate a student's electronic devices when used in violation of this policy.</p> <p>All confiscated electronic devices shall be delivered promptly to the building administrator's office. Confiscated devices shall be returned to the student at the end of the school day for a first offense, and only to a parent or guardian <i>on third and</i> subsequent offenses.</p> <p>Building administrators may impose additional disciplinary sanctions against students for violations of this policy, including suspensions from school or recommendations for expulsion from school as warranted by the specific facts and circumstances in a particular case.</p> <p><u>Exceptions</u></p> <p>The building administrator may grant approval for possession and use of an electronic device by a student for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Health, safety or emergency reasons.2. An individualized education program (IEP).3. Classroom or instructional-related activities.4. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal. <p>References:</p> <p>24 P.S. 510 24 P.S. 1317.1 Pol. 218 Pol. 122 Pol. 123 Pol. 226 Pol. 233 Pol. 113 Pol. 815</p>
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