

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

ADOPTED:

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DEER LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

	237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES
1. Purpose	The Board adopts this policy in order to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure for district students and employees.
2. Definitions	<p>Electronic devices shall include all portable digital 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, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.</p> <p>School day shall include from the time the student arrives on school property to the official dismissal time set forth by the district for that particular building.</p>
3. Authority SC 510	<p>The Board prohibits use of electronic devices for noneducational purposes by students during the school day in district buildings; on district property; 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. Any electronic device in the possession of a student during the school day must be turned off and rendered incapable of signaling the receipt of calls or other data unless authorized by building administrator or employee.</p> <p>Portable digital devices and similar devices may be used on district buses, provided that such devices are used with personal earphones or in such a manner as not to create disruption or annoyance to the driver or other passengers.</p>
SC 1317.1	<p>The Board prohibits possession of laser pointers and attachments and telephone paging devices/beepers by students in district buildings; on district property; on district buses and vehicles; and at school-sponsored activities.</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><u>Electronic Images And Photographs</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 emailing.</p>

	<p><u>Exceptions</u></p> <p>The building principal 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>Pol. 113</p> <p>SC 1317.1</p> <p>The building principal may grant approval for possession and use of a telephone paging device/beeper by a student for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Student is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.2. Student has a need due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.3. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal. <p>In all cases, the device must be able to be placed in a silent or vibrate mode so devices do not interfere with the educational process.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 113, 122, 123, 218, 226, 233, 815</p>
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