

LACKAWANNA TRAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES	
1. Authority SC 1317.1	The Board prohibits possession of laser pointers and attachments on school grounds, at school sponsored activities, and on school buses, and prohibits the use of cellular telephones, picture phones, telephone paging devices, and the like by students during the school day.
2. Guidelines	<p>This prohibition shall not apply in the following cases, provided that the building principal approves in advance a written request for the use of a telephone pager:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad (pager only) 2. A student who has a need for a telephone pager due to the medical condition of an immediate family member. <p>Unauthorized possession of laser pointers and unauthorized use of cellular telephones and telephone paging devices shall result in confiscation of the item by school personnel. Use constitutes communication (speaking or listening), sending or receiving a text message, recording, playing, or sending any form of audio or visual (including pictures), accessing the internet, and the like.</p> <p>These items may be returned only after a meeting with a parent. Appropriate disciplinary action, including suspension, will be implemented for violation of this policy.</p> <p>The Board prohibits Radios, I-Pods, record players, tape recorders, and television sets on school grounds. Any equipment not supplied by the school district will require advanced written permission from the administration.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	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, posted notices, the district web page, and other efficient methods.

<p>4. Guidelines Pol. 226</p> <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5703</p> <p>Pol. 113</p>	<p>In order to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety and welfare of all students and school personnel, the Board acknowledges the need, on occasion, for school authorities to search a student, student's person, student lockers, desks, computer files, cell phone logs, or student vehicles and to seize illegal, unauthorized or contraband material or information discovered in the search.</p> <p>Unauthorized use of cellular telephones and telephone paging devices may warrant their logs to be searched by an authorized school official in order to maintain a safe school environment when accompanied by reasonable suspicion.</p> <p>Laptop computers and personal digital assistants (PDA's) brought to school shall be restricted to classroom or instructional-related activities with prior written administrative approval.</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>
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