Book Policy Manual

Section 200 Pupils

Title Electronic Devices

Code 237

Status Draft

Purpose

The Board adopts this policy in order to support an educational environment that is orderly, safe and secure for district students and employees, while also recognizing that electronic devices may provide a positive contribution when used for educational purposes.

Definition

Electronic devices shall include all but not limited to, devices that can take photographs; record, play or edit audio or video data; store, transmit or receive calls, messages, text, data or images; operate online applications; or provide a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet, and the like.

<u>Authority</u>

<u>Authorized Use of Electronic Devices</u>

Principals, in consultation with the Superintendent and in compliance with Board policy, administrative regulations and rules, are authorized to determine the extent of the use of electronic devices within their buildings and programs, on district property, and/or while students are attending school-sponsored activities. Use of electronic devices at the elementary level may be different than at the middle school and/or high school levels or may be different between programs. Building principals shall establish rules and notify students, staff and parents/guardians of all applicable rules for use of electronic devices within their buildings and programs.

The Board prohibits use of electronic devices in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time.

The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device.

Electronic Images and Photographs

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.

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.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and employees about the Board's electronic device policy.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

Guidelines

Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the electronic device. [1][2][3]

Legal 1. Pol. 218

2. Pol. 226

3. Pol. 233

24 P.S. 510

Pol. 103.1

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