

SOUTHEASTERN GREENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: 200 Pupils

TITLE: Electronic Devices

ADOPTED:

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237 – ELECTRONIC DEVICES

PURPOSE

The Board recognizes that while students are in school their attention needs to be focused on educational endeavors. In order to maintain an optimal learning environment free of distractions, the Board limits the use of electronic devices during the school day and on school vehicles.

DEFINITIONS

Electronic devices shall include all 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. Examples of these electronic devices include, but shall not be limited to radios, walkmans, CD players, iPods, MPE players, DVD players, handheld game consoles, Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's), cellular telephones, Blackberries, table computers, and laptop computers, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.

AUTHORITY

The Board prohibits possession of laser pointers and attachments by students in district buildings; on district property; on district buses and vehicles; and at school-sponsored activities. (1)

The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device. The Board of Directors directs the school district administration the right to confiscate any cellular telephone or personal digital assistant (PDA) which is used by a student in violation of this policy, as well as the right to confiscate any telephone paging devices (beeper) which is possessed by a student in violation of this policy. **Confiscate** means to take into the possession of the district administration, but shall not be construed to prohibit a district employee who is not an administrator from physically removing an electronic device from a student, if the employee observes the student violating this policy. Any employee observing such a violation must deliver the electronic device as soon as possible to the building principal for confiscation by the principal. Disciplinary action may be pursued according to Policy 218, Student Discipline.

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 enforcement agencies.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and employees about the Board's electronic device policy by publishing this policy in handbooks and district website.

GUIDELINES

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

Violations of this policy by a student shall result in a disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the electronic device.

Personal Communication Devices

The use of electronic devices is prohibited during school hours with the exception of the student lunch period. Cell phones may be carried but must be off.

Cell phones, laptop computers, personal digital assistants (PDA's) and other personal electronic devices brought to school shall be restricted to classroom or instructional-related activities with principal's permission.

Personal Listening Devices

1. The use of personal listening devices is prohibited during school hours with the exception of the student lunch period.
2. Personal listening devices may be used on school vehicles with use of person headphones. Volume must be kept to a minimum level. Inappropriate use of devices or device content may result in loss of this privilege.

Telephone Pagers/Beepers

The building administrator may grant approval for possession and use of a telephone paging device/beeper by a student for the following reasons:

1. Student has a need due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.
2. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal on a case by case basis.

	<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. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.
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