



**NORTH ALLEGHENY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>PUPILS</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES</b>
<b>ADOPTED:</b>	<b>5/25/16</b>
<b>REVISED:</b>	

**237 – ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

**Section 1. Purpose**

SC 510

a. The North Allegheny Board of Education recognizes that many students possess personally owned electronic devices, and that learning opportunities can be enhanced through the use of these devices. The Board recognizes that the school environment should be safe and secure for employees, students, and visitors. The Board also recognizes the need to provide access to technological resources.

Pol. 717

b. The purpose of this policy is to set forth expectations for appropriate use of existing and emerging technologies which students may possess, including but not limited to cellular phones, laptop computers, e-readers, digital picture/video cameras and/or camera phones, and other personally owned electronic devices capable of transmitting data or images.

**Section 2. Definition**

SC 510, 1317.1

a. Personal electronic communication devices - include all devices that can take photographs; record audio or video data; store, transmit or receive messages or images; or provide a wireless connection to the Internet. Examples of these electronic and personal communication devices include, but shall not be limited to, iPads, cellular telephones, laptops or other student-owned computers, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities of data storage or transmission.

SC 510, 1317.1

b. Unacceptable devices – include but are not limited to, gaming devices or consoles, laser pointers, modems or routers, printers, televisions, or any other device deemed unacceptable.

Pol. 218, 248

c. Inappropriate use of electronic devices – an action that has the potential to negatively impact the educational processes and individual students. Any use of electronic devices that leads to the disruption of the instructional/educational processes and/or violate the rights of individual students is a violation of the *Code of Conduct*.

Pol. 218, 233, 248

d. Inappropriate electronic images and photographs - The term inappropriate

<p>SC 510, 1317.1 Pol. 000</p>	<p>shall refer to any image or photograph, the dissemination of which could or does result in substantial disruption to the functioning of the school.</p> <p><b>3. <u>Authority</u></b></p> <p>a. The North Allegheny School District recognizes that the appropriate use of electronic devices can provide great potential for enhanced learning opportunities for all students. The District holds high expectations for student behavior, academic integrity and responsible use of existing and emerging technologies, such as cellular phones, digital picture/video cameras, and/or other personal electronic devices capable of capturing and/or transmitting data or images. Students who possess and/or use such devices at school or school-sponsored events must demonstrate the greatest respect for the educational environment and the rights and privacy of all individuals within the school community.</p>
<p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5703 Pol. 815</p>	<p>b. The District reserves the right to restrict student use of District-owned technologies and personal electronic devices on school grounds, District-operated school buses and other conveyances, at school, or school-sponsored activities, whether or not occurring on school grounds.</p> <p>c. The District shall not be liable for the loss, damage, misuse, or theft of any personal electronic device brought to school. The District reserves the right to take appropriate action, which may, depending on the circumstances, include monitoring, inspecting, copying, reviewing, confiscating temporarily or permanently a personal electronic device, or contacting law enforcement. The District reserves the right to hold a confiscated item until a conference has been held with the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s).</p>
<p>Pol. 113</p>	<p><b>Section 4. <u>Delegation of Responsibility</u></b></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parent(s)/guardian(s) and staff about this policy by publishing a notice in student handbooks and by other efficient methods, including posting the policy on the District’s website. 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. The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the efficient and orderly implementation of this policy.</p> <p><b>Section 5. <u>Guidelines</u></b></p>
<p>SC 1317.1</p> <p>Pol. 218, 224.1, 248, 249</p>	<p>a. Access is a privilege, not a right. Violations of policy by a student may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to, confiscation of the electronic device, banning access to District technology, or criminal prosecution, if applicable.</p> <p>b. Appropriate use of electronic devices shall include any use of such devices for educational purposes such as educational research, which is specifically authorized by a classroom teacher with approval from the building</p>

<p>Pol. 218, 224.1, 248, 249</p>	<p>administration. Limited personal use of electronic devices may be permitted during transitional times at the discretion of the building administration.</p> <p>c. Personal electronic devices used during the instructional day must access the Internet via the District’s content-filtered, wireless network, and not through personal cellular service.</p> <p>d. Students may not utilize any technological device or application to harass, threaten, demean, humiliate, intimidate, embarrass, or annoy their classmates or others.</p> <p>e. The taking, storing, disseminating, transferring, viewing, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal or inappropriate images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or other means, including but not limited to texting and e-mailing is prohibited.</p>
<p>Pol. 218, 224.1, 248, 249</p>	<p>f. In addition to the list of prohibited uses above, the use of any communication device is prohibited in locker rooms, health suites, lavatories, and/or any other area where an individual would have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Furthermore, students shall not use the audio recording function of any electronic device at school or at any given school function unless given express permission in advance from both a teacher or administrator and the individuals who are being recorded. Also, students shall not use the camera function of any electronic device at school or at any given school function unless given express permission in advance from both a teacher or administrator and the individuals who are being recorded. The conduct listed above 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>g. Parent(s)/guardian(s) should refrain from contacting their child during the school day and disrupting the educational process. Parent(s)/guardian(s) should call the school for an emergency situation, rather than attempting to contact their child directly. The school will, in turn, contact the student when appropriate.</p>
<p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5703 Pol. 815.2</p>	<p>h. Except for the specific actions prohibited and listed above, students who are participating in after school activities may be given permission to use cell phones and/or other communication or electronic devices for appropriate communication with parent(s)/guardian(s) by the coach or activity advisor on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>i. A student may not create and/or use an Internet “hotspot” to bypass the District’s security systems; moreover, the Board prohibits student use of a device for the function that provides for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet.</p> <p><b>References:</b> School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1 Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec.</p>

	<p>5703 Board Policy – 000, 113, 218, 224.1, 248, 249, 815, 815.2</p> <p><b><u>Replaces Policies:</u></b> 3585 3640</p>
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