

SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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	237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee adopts this policy in order to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure for students and employees.
2. Definition	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, MP3 players, DVD players, handheld game consoles, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), cellular telephones, BlackBerries, and personal laptop computers, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.
3. Authority SC 510, 1850.1 Pol. 233 Pol. 249	<p>The Joint Operating Committee prohibits use of electronic devices by students during the school day in school buildings; on school property; on school buses and vehicles; during the time students are under the supervision of the school; and in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Students may not have these devices turned on during the hours of the school day. Students may not use a cell phone during the school day. Students may not use electronic devices to transmit any form of media during the school day (i.e. voice, text, photos, movies, MP3 files, etc.) Students must comply with directives from school personnel to turn off and turn over these devices with memory (SIM) card intact at any school-sponsored event. Failure to comply will be viewed as a violation which could result in and up to a ten (10) day suspension. Portable electronic devices used during an exam will be viewed as cheating. Portable electronic devices used for harassment will be viewed as bullying.

	<p>The administration, staff and faculty have the right to confiscate any such electronic devices that are used/found in violation of the Joint Operating Committee policy. Any confiscated devices must be turned off/deactivated by the student and will be returned to the student at the conclusion of the following school day, following week or the end of the school year depending upon the severity and/or frequency of incident(s).</p>
SC 1317.1	<p>The Joint Operating Committee prohibits possession of laser pointers and attachments and telephone paging devices/beepers by students in school buildings; on school property; on school buses and vehicles; and at school-sponsored activities.</p>
Pol. 815	<p>SUN Tech assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to personal electronic devices incurred by a student or family if an electronic device is lost, stolen, vanished or misused while in possession of the student if confiscated by school personnel. SUN Tech shall not be liable for the loss, damage, or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student. The use of personal technology resources will be governed by the Acceptable Use of Computers/Internet Policy, No. 815.</p>
	<p><u>Electronic Images And Photographs</u></p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee 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 e-mailing.</p> <p>Because such violations may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law, the school may report such conduct to state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.</p>
Pol. 218	<p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p>
Pol. 122	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or a school-sponsored activity, whether or not via school furnished transportation. 2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines Pol. 218, 226, 233</p> <p>Pol. 113</p> <p>SC 1317.1</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school. 4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property. 6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities. <p>The Administrative Director or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and employees about the electronic device policy.</p> <p>The Administrative Director or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p> <p>Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and shall result in confiscation of the electronic device.</p> <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. An individualized education program (IEP). 3. Classroom or instructional-related activities. 4. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building administrator. <p>The building administrator 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 has a need due to the medical condition of an immediate family member. 2. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building administrator.
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1, 1850.1

Joint Operating Committee Policy – 113, 122, 218, 226, 233, 815