

# NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

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 laptop computers, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.
3. Authority SC 510, 1850.1	The Joint Operating Committee prohibits use of electronic devices by students during the school day in center buildings; on center property; on school buses and vehicles; during the time students are under the supervision of the center; and in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time.
SC 1317.1	<p>The Joint Operating Committee prohibits possession of laser pointers and attachments and telephone paging devices/beepers by students in center buildings; on center property; on school buses and vehicles; and at center-sponsored activities.</p> <p>The center shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device.</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 center may report such conduct to state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.</p>

	<p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off center property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from (the center or a center-sponsored activity, whether or not via school furnished transportation.</li> </ol>
Pol. 122	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the center, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the center.</li> <li>4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at the center or a centers-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of the center pursuant to an agreement made in the center, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in the center.</li> <li>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</li> <li>6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at the center or center-sponsored activities.</li> </ol>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<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>
5. Guidelines Pol. 218, 226, 233	<p>Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and shall result in confiscation of the electronic device.</p> <p>The confiscated item shall not be returned until a conference has been held with a parent/guardian.</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>

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Pol. 113	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Health, safety or emergency reasons.</li><li>2. An individualized education program (IEP).</li><li>3. Classroom or instructional-related activities.</li><li>4. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building administrator.</li></ol>
SC 1317.1	<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"><li>1. Student is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.</li><li>2. Student has a need due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.</li><li>3. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building administrator.</li></ol> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1, 1850.1</p> <p>Joint Operating Committee Policy – 000, 113, 122, 123, 218, 226, 233, 815</p> <p>PSBA Revision 5/11</p>