

# CONRAD WEISER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definition</p> <p>3. Authority</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES</p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to set forth expectations for appropriate use of existing and emerging technologies which students may possess.</p> <p><b>Electronic Devices</b> 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 devices include, but shall not be limited to, cellular phones, laptop or mini computers, digital picture/video cameras and/or camera phones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), iPods, MP3 players, pagers and other personal electronic devices capable of transmitting data or images.</p> <p>The Conrad Weiser Area School District holds high expectations for student behavior, academic integrity and the responsible use of technology devices, such as cellular phones, digital picture/video cameras and/or phones and 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 shall demonstrate the greatest respect for the educational environment and the rights and privacy of all individuals within the school community.</p> <p>Further, the district shall not be liable for the loss, damage, or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student.</p> <p><u>Electronic Images And Photographs</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Such prohibited activity shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property if:</p>
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<p>Pol. 122</p>	<p>1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student’s attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.</p>
<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>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>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>3. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement made on school property to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and staff about the district’s electronic device policy.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines Pol. 218, 233</p>	<p>Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the electronic device.</p> <p><u>Standards For Responsible Use At School, On Buses Or At School Activities</u></p> <p><i>Respect For The Educational Environment –</i></p>
<p>SC 510</p>	<p>1. Cellular phones and other personal electronic devices shall be turned off and must be kept out of sight during instructional time.</p> <p>2. Students shall not use any electronic device that in any way disrupts or detracts from the educational environment.</p> <p>3. Use of cellular phones must be in accordance with and in adherence to the Conrad Weiser Area School District’s cellular phone guidelines as they are described in the Conrad Weiser Student Handbooks.</p> <p>4. Students will not be allowed to leave class in response to any electronic devices.</p>
<p>Pol. 113</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> <p>1. Health, safety or emergency reasons.</p> <p>2. An individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.</p> <p>3. Classroom or instructional-related activities.</p>
<p>SC 1317.1</p>	<p>4. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.</p>

<p>Pol. 207, 218, 248, 249, 814, 815</p> <p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5703</p>	<p><i>Respect For Privacy Rights –</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students shall not photograph, videotape, or record other individuals at school, on school district property, on school buses, or at school-sponsored activities without their knowledge and consent, except for activities considered to be in the public arena such as sporting events or public performances.</li> <li>2. Use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices is strictly prohibited in locker rooms and restrooms.</li> <li>3. Use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices is prohibited in the nurses’ office, guidance office, and school office unless school personnel in charge of the office specifically permit use of the cell phone or electronic device, in which case the device may be used ONLY to the extent that permission was expressly granted.</li> </ol> <p><i>Assuring Academic Integrity –</i></p> <p>Students shall not use cellular phones or other electronic devices in any way that may cause a teacher or staff member to question whether the student may be cheating on tests or academic work or violating copyright policy. Use of cellular phones and electronic devices is prohibited during testing, except where specifically authorized by the teacher or staff member and where the use of such device is required for the test.</p> <p><i>Compliance With Other District Policies And Applicable Laws –</i></p> <p>Use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices must not violate any other district policies, including those regarding student privacy, copyright, cheating, plagiarism, student Code of Conduct, Acceptable Use Policy, or harassment. If a violation occurs involving more than one (1) district policy, consequences for each policy will apply.</p> <p>All use of cellular phones and personal electronic devices must be in accordance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Surveillance Act.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1</p> <p>PA Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5703</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 113, 122, 207, 218, 233, 248, 249, 814, 815</p>
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