

# CAPITAL AREA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

ADOPTED: 12/9/2013

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1. Purpose	The Board adopts this policy in order to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure for school students and employees.
2. Definition	<p>The School recognizes that cellular phones and electronic devices are sometimes necessary for student to have in their possession before and after school.</p> <p>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.</p>
3. Authority SC 510	The Board prohibits use of electronic devices by students during the instructional periods of the school day; on school buses and vehicles; and in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time.
SC 1317.1	<p>The Board 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> <p>The item will be held in the office until the end of school for the first offense. The item will be returned only to the parent/guardian if the situation occurs again. Disciplinary action will be taken if a student continually violates this policy</p> <p>The school 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 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</p>

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<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>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> <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>
<p>Pol. 122, 123</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school furnished transportation.</li> <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 school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.</li> <li>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.</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 school or school-sponsored activities.</li> </ol>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Principal shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and employees about the Board's electronic device policy.</p> <p>The Principal shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines Pol. 218, 226, 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>The confiscated item shall not be returned until a conference has been held with a parent/guardian.</p>

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<p>Pol. 113</p> <p>SC 1317.1</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"><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 principal.</li></ol> <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 principal.</li></ol> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 113, 122, 123, 218, 226, 233, 815</p>
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