

UPPER BUCKS COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

ADOPTED: February 21, 2008

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definition</p> <p>3. Authority SC 510, 1850.1</p> <p>SC 1317.1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee adopts this policy in order to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure for students and employees.</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, smart phones, and laptop computers, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee prohibits use of electronic devices by students during the school day in school when class is in session. Some electronic devices may be used by the student during lunch and on buses; however, that permission only extends to sound or communication (phone) devices.</p> <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> <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 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>
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SC 1317.1	<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 is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.2. Student has a need due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.3. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building administrator. <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>
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