

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES
ADOPTED: November 15, 2010
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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">237. STUDENT USE OF CELLULAR PHONES, DIGITAL IMAGING DEVICES AND OTHER PERSONAL 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, including but not limited to cellular phones, laptop or mini computers, digital picture/video cameras and/or camera phones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), iPods, MP3s, pagers and other personal electronic devices capable of transmitting data or images.</p> <p>The Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District holds high expectations for student behavior, academic integrity and responsible use of existing and emerging technologies, 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. The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage, or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and staff about the district’s electronic device policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.</p> <p>Standards For Responsible Use At School, On Buses Or At School Activities</p> <p><u><i>Respect For The Educational Environment</i></u></p>
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SC 510
SC 1317.1

1. Cellular phones and other personal electronic devices shall be turned off and kept out of sight during instructional time.
2. Students shall not use any electronic device that in any way disrupts or detracts from the educational environment.
3. Use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices is prohibited in classrooms during the school day, media centers and testing centers, and during fine arts performances.
4. Students will not be allowed to leave class in response to any electronic devices.
5. High school students may use cellular phones and other devices if used appropriately and respectfully before and after school. This includes morning time in the gym and on the school bus. Elementary students are not permitted to use cellular phones and other electronic devices during the school day.
6. Student possession of cell phones and/or other personal electronic devices are permitted on all school buses/vans provided that the device is powered off and concealed from view. Device shall only be permitted to be used when authorized by the driver. Use of any device for sending or sharing video or audio information having sexual, violent or threatening content is strictly prohibited.
7. The student who possesses a personal technology device is responsible for its care. The School District/School Bus Contractor is not responsible for preventing theft, loss, damage or vandalism to personal technology devices brought onto its property.
8. With prior approval of the school principal, teachers may permit the purposeful use of personal electronic devices in support of curriculum learning objectives.
9. In the case of medical necessity or emergency, a student shall be permitted to possess or use a cell phone or other personal electronic device provided the student receives advanced authorization from the school principal.

Respect For Privacy Rights

1. Students shall not photograph or videotape other individuals at school 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.
2. Students shall not e-mail, post to the Internet, or otherwise electronically transmit images of other individuals taken at school without their expressed written consent.
3. Use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices is strictly prohibited in locker rooms and restrooms.

Assuring Academic Integrity

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.

Compliance With Other District Policies

Use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices must not violate any other district policies, including those regarding student privacy, copyright, cheating, plagiarism, civility, student Code of Conduct, electronic technologies acceptable use, or harassment. If a violation occurs involving more than one (1) district policy, consequences for each policy will apply.

Violations Of This Policy

1. First Infraction – An employee shall direct the student to turn off the device. The employee shall then confiscate the device and turn it in to the school office where the student may retrieve it at the end of the school day.
2. Second Infraction – The second infraction shall result in confiscation of the device, which is to be turned in to the school office. A parent/guardian must retrieve the device from the school office. A minimum of an After School Detention (ASD) will be issued.

3. Third Infraction - The third infraction shall result in confiscation of the device, which is to be turned in to the school office. After a conference with school administration concerning the repeated violations, a parent/guardian may retrieve the device from the school office. A minimum of a Student Supervised Study (SSS) will be issued.
4. Repeated or Severe Infraction – Any violation of this policy or failure to comply with the policy may also, at the principal’s discretion, result in additional disciplinary action. Permanent confiscation of the device will be issued.

Dissemination Of Policy

This policy shall be included in the student/parent handbook, posted to the district web site, and other wise distributed upon request.

References:

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

Board Policy- 000,113, 122, 123, 218, 233, 248, 814, 815