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Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee adopts this policy in order to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure for students and employees.

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.

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee prohibits use of electronic devices by students during the school day in school buildings except at designated times approved by the ECTS administration; on school property; on school buses and vehicles; during the time students are under the supervision of the school; and in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

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.[3]

The school shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device.

Electronic Images and Photographs

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 emailing.

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.

Off-Campus Activities

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:[4]

- 1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or a school-sponsored activity, whether or not via school furnished transportation.**
- 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.[5]**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.**
- 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.**

Delegation of Responsibility

The Director or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and employees about the electronic device policy.

The Director or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

Guidelines

Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the electronic device.[4][6][7]

The confiscated item shall not be returned until a conference has been held with a parent/guardian.

Exceptions

The building administrator may grant approval for possession and use of an electronic device by a student for the following reasons:

- 1. Health, safety or emergency reasons.**
- 2. An individualized education program (IEP).[8]**
- 3. Classroom or instructional-related activities.**
- 4. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building administrator.**

The building administrator may grant approval for possession and use of a telephone paging device/beeper by a student for the following reasons:[3]

- 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.**