

Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

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

{X} , while also recognizing that electronic devices may provide a positive contribution when used for educational purposes.

Definition

Electronic devices shall include all devices that can take photographs; record, **play or edit** audio or video data; store, transmit or receive **calls**, messages, **text, data** or images; **operate online applications**; or provide a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet.

Authority

[X Select this section for general prohibitions of electronic devices and remove italicized section below.]

The Joint Operating Committee prohibits **use of** electronic devices by students during the school day in school (center) buildings; on school (center) property; on school (center) buses and vehicles; during the time students are under the supervision of the school (center).[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

The Joint Operating Committee prohibits use of electronic devices in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time.

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) **or Section 504 Service Agreement.**[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)
3. Classroom or instructional-related activities, **under the supervision of a classroom teacher.**
4. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building administrator.

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The center (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 center (school) may report such conduct to state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.

Delegation of Responsibility

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

The Administrative 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

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result in confiscation of the electronic device.[\[5\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

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

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1. 24 P.S. 510
2. 24 P.S. 1850.1
3. Pol. 103.1
4. Pol. 113
5. Pol. 218
6. Pol. 815
7. Pol. 235
8. Pol. 226
9. Pol. 233