

CHESTER COUNTY  
 INTERMEDIATE  
 UNIT 24

SECTION: PUPILS  
 TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES  
 ADOPTED: JUNE 15, 2011  
 REVISED: JULY 20, 2016

<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definition</p> <p>3. Authority</p> <p>SC 1317.1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES</p> <p>The Board adopts this policy in order to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure for Intermediate Unit 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, CD players, iPods, MP3 players, DVD players, handheld game consoles, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), cellular telephones, electronic tablets and laptop computers, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.</p> <p>The Board prohibits the unauthorized use of personal electronic devices by students during the school day in Intermediate Unit buildings; on Intermediate Unit property; on Intermediate Unit buses and vehicles; during the time students are under the supervision of the Intermediate Unit; and in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time.</p> <p>Use of designated electronic devices may be permitted during the school day as outlined in applicable student handbooks. The Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to define the educational value and permit or place restrictions on the possession or use of any electronic device currently available, or that may become available in the future, whether or not it is addressed in this policy. This shall include possession or use in school buildings, on school property, on school vehicles/buses and while attending school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>The Board prohibits possession of laser pointers and attachments and telephone paging devices/beepers by students in Intermediate Unit buildings; on Intermediate Unit property; on Intermediate Unit buses and vehicles; and at activities sponsored by the Intermediate Unit.</p> <p>The Intermediate Unit shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device.</p>
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<p>Pol. 122, 123</p> <p>Pol. 218</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines Pol. 218, 233</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 texting and e-mailing.</p> <p>Because such violations may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law, the Intermediate Unit shall report such conduct to state and/or federal law enforcement agencies as required by Pennsylvania Department of Education regulations and Pennsylvania State and Federal Laws.</p> <p>Such prohibited activity shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off Intermediate Unit property if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student’s attendance at Intermediate Unit programs or activities sponsored by the Intermediate Unit.</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. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at Intermediate Unit programs or activities sponsored by the Intermediate Unit, such as an agreement made on Intermediate Unit property to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the applicable Student Discipline Code.</li> </ol> <p>The Executive Director or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and employees about the Board’s electronic device policy.</p> <p>The Executive Director or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</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> <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> </ol>
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<p>Pol. 113</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><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 administrator.</li></ol>
<p>SC 1317.1</p>	<p>The building administrator/program supervisor may grant approval for possession and use of a cellular phone or smart phone by a student for the following reasons when the request is made in writing by the parent/guardian of the requesting student:</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 administrator.</li></ol> <p><u>Liability</u></p> <p>The Intermediate Unit assumes no responsibility for the loss, theft, damage, or misuse of any electronic device that is brought into school buildings, onto school property, onto school vehicles/buses, and while attending school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1317.1</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 113, 122, 123, 218, 233, 815</p>