

SECTION: **STUDENTS**

TITLE: **CONSTRAINTS FOR STUDENT USE OF
ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board adopts this policy to promote the seamless use of electronic devices for the enhancement of instructional opportunities available to students and teachers. The Board views electronic devices as tools that can be used to increase student communication and collaboration, gauge student understanding of a concept, capture notes and thoughts to be used and studied later, to calculate and express views. Furthermore, the Board recognizes it is our responsibility as an educational institution to teach our students how to appropriately interact using electronic devices as interpersonal human conversation becomes less frequent and digital footprints become more detectable.</p>
<p>2. Definition</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 Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), cellular telephones, and laptop computers, as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.</p>
<p>3. Authority</p>	<p>The Board prohibits use of cellular telephones that have the capability to take photographs or record audio or video during the school day in District buildings, or on District property and while students are engaged in school-sponsored activities, unless expressly authorized in advance by the supervising teacher or the building principal.</p> <p>The Board prohibits use of electronic devices by students in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites and other changing areas at any time.</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>

The Board prohibits possession of laser pointers and attachments, and telephone paging devices/beepers by students in District buildings; on District property; on District buses and vehicles; and at school-sponsored activities.

Students in grades K-8 will be permitted to leave these devices, turned off, in their locker during the instructional day. High School students will be permitted to possess these devices, provided they are turned off during the instructional day unless directed otherwise by a teacher. Progressive discipline will be enforced for violation of this policy. Students using cell phones during the instructional day without prior authorization will receive disciplinary action which may include confiscation of the cell phone by an administrator. Repeated willful violation of this policy could lead to suspension.

The District shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student.