

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Book	Policy Manual
Section	200 Pupils
Title	Personal Electronic Devices
Code	237
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Authority

The Board prohibits use of personal electronic devices (PEDs), by students on school property, on buses and other vehicles provided by the district, and at school-sponsored activities.

PEDs include but are not limited to the following: cell phones, smart phones, smart watches, electronic tablets, laptops, music players, gaming devices, laser pointers and attachments and telephone paging devices/beepers, among others.

PEDs may be used by students during the school day for academic purposes as specified by the classroom teacher, principal, or building guidelines using the district-provided, filtered connection to the Internet. Uses in district buildings, on district property, and engaged in student-sponsored activities beyond academic purposes will be designated by the Superintendent or designee.[\[1\]](#)

Use by students of any PEDs that provides for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet is prohibited.[\[2\]](#)

The Board prohibits the capturing, sharing, distributing, or publishing of audio, video, text or photographic content without the permission of the district, the person(s) part of the electronic media, or copyright holder. All content must comply with the district's Acceptable Use Policy.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any PEDs brought to school by a student, including loss of personal data or data breach.

Delegation of Responsibility

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 or other efficient methods.

Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with prior approval of the building principal or designee, or when use is provided for in a student's individualized education program (IEP).[3]

Guidelines

Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the PEDs.[4][5][6]

With prior administrative approval, the telephone paging devices prohibition shall not apply in the following cases:[\[7\]](#)

1. A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.
2. A student who has a need for such a device due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 510](#)

2. Pol. 815

3. Pol. 113

4. Pol. 218

5. Pol. 233

6. Pol. 226

[7. 24 P.S. 1317.1](#)

Pol. 122

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