

# AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS  
TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES  
ADOPTED: DECEMBER 14, 2006  
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237. ELECTRONIC DEVICES	
1. Purpose	The Board has determined that the possession of most electronic devices by students is not a vital part of the educational process. Such items, under most circumstances, serve as a distraction to the educational process and some can be used in the furtherance of inappropriate and unsafe activities. Laser pens and other laser devices are particularly capable of causing harm and disruption and are therefore prohibited from being in a student's possession in school, during a school-sponsored activity, or on a District vehicle.
2. Authority SC 510, 1317, 1371.1	<p>Students are discouraged from possessing certain types of electronic devices during school hours; however, their possession may constitute a violation of this policy should the student fail to comply with the following provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Students are not to use audio listening devices (CD players, MP3 players, etc.), handheld electronic games, digital <u>and video</u> cameras, <u>laptop or handheld computers</u> or other such devices during the instructional school day unless they have permission from a staff member to do so as part of a classroom activity.</li><li>2. Students may possess cell phones for use before and after school, but their use during the school day is strictly <b>prohibited unless expressly authorized in advance by a staff member</b>. Use is interpreted as using any cell phone function or feature, not just sending or receiving telephone calls. Cell phones must be turned off upon entering the school building and may not be turned on again until the student leaves the building at the end of the school day. -Cell phones must be kept out of sight, and the student bears total responsibility for safeguarding this and any other device in his/her possession. <u>Cell phones with the capability of taking photographs or recording audio or video shall not be used for such purposes while on District property, unless expressly authorized in advance by a staff member as part of a classroom activity.</u></li><li><del>2.3.</del> <u>Students may not use electronic devices to connect to the District's Internet before, during or after school. The use of any electronic device that provides for an unfiltered connection to the Internet during the school day is strictly prohibited.</u></li></ol>

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SC 1317.1(a)	<p><del>3.4</del> Telephone paging devices are prohibited in school with the following exceptions which require a written request and the principal's approval:</p>
SC 1317.1(b)(1)	<p>a. A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance, or rescue squad (the chief of the company or squad must make the written request).</p>
SC 1317.1(b)(2)	<p>b. A student who is in need of a telephone paging device due to the medical condition of an immediate family member (a health care provider must make the written request).</p>
	<p>The Avon Grove Area School District reserves the right to define the educational value and place restrictions or prohibitions 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.</p> <p>The Avon Grove Area School District assumes no responsibility for the loss, theft, damage, or misuse of any electronic device that is brought onto school grounds, to a school-sponsored activity, or on any District vehicle.</p>
Pol. 218, 233	<p><u>Discipline</u></p> <p>Violation of any part of this policy may result in consequences ranging from confiscation and loss of privileges, to detention, suspension, and referral to the Board of School Directors for possible expulsion.</p>