

NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Policy

5131.2

Reference: Administrative Regulation 5131.2

STUDENTS

Elementary and Secondary

Use of Personal Electronic Devices

The use of personal electronic devices by NPSD students, where supportive of the general welfare and the instructional program of the school, is endorsed. If, however, the possession and/or use of personal electronic devices is found to be disruptive to the educational process and/or the environment, such possession and/or use will be prohibited in accordance with this policy and other district policies, and local, state and federal laws.

This policy shall serve notice to all concerned that the use of beepers and pagers by students on school premises is prohibited unless said student is a member of a volunteer fire or ambulance company or the beeper is necessary due to the medical condition of an immediate family member and permission has been given by the school administration. Further, the use of cellular phones, personal music players, laser devices, video or cell phone cameras, and other portable personal electronic devices on school premises during the school day is prohibited except as specified in Administrative Regulation 5131.2. If an extenuating circumstance exists outside of the guidelines defined in Administrative Regulation 5131.2, students may utilize such devices if the student's parent or guardian submits a written request to the superintendent and the request is approved.

The board of education authorizes the superintendent to develop and enforce regulations to prohibit the use of wireless and electronic devices by students. Such regulations shall include:

1. Confiscation of devices whose use has not been approved by the principal.
2. Investigation of the incident by the principal who may return the device to the parent, suspend the student, refer the matter to the police department, or all of the above. The superintendent may delegate responsibility for the enforcement and reporting the progress of this policy to appropriate school district officials.
3. Restriction of the use of personal electronic devices during safety drills, and/or evacuations as necessary for the safety and security of all individuals.

The district shall not be liable for theft, loss, damage, misuse, and/or unauthorized use of any personal electronic device brought to school by students. The district will not provide technical support for personal electronic devices. Students are personally and solely responsible for the security, use, and support of personal electronic devices brought to school.

Each principal shall inform the students of this policy by general announcement and by inclusion in the school's handbook.

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