

BROOKLIN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

POLICY NUMBER: 10.16

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ELECTRONIC DEVICES

1. The School Committee prohibits use of laser pointers and attachments and telephone paging devices/beepers by students on school property, on buses and at school sponsored activities, except as noted below.
2. The Committee prohibits use of personal communication devices by students during the school day in school buildings, on school property and while students are attending school sponsored activities.
3. The Committee prohibits use by students of any device that provides for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet.
4. The school shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student.
5. Students and their parents/guardians will be notified annually in the school hand book of the school's policy regarding electronic devices.
6. Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the electronic device. The confiscated device shall not be returned until a conference has been held with a parent/guardian.
7. With prior administrative approval, a telephone pager/beeper may be carried by:
 - a. A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.
 - b. A student who has need for such a device due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.
 - c. Other reasons deemed appropriate by the building principal.
8. Cellular telephones shall be turned off during instructional and class time, during passing times between classes, and at any time where use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities.
9. Cellular telephones that have the capability to take photographs or to record audio or video shall not be used for such purposes while on school property or while a student is engaged in school sponsored activities, unless expressly authorized in advance by the building principal or designee.
10. The use of cameras, including camera phones, is strictly prohibited in classrooms and in locker rooms, restrooms, or other locations in which privacy is commonly

expected. In other school locations students are required to obtain permission before photographing others. Exceptions shall be made as authorized by supervising school staff, such as for the year book.

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