



SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES/CELL PHONES

ADOPTED: 2015-05-11

<p>1.Purpose</p>	<p>Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School respects the usefulness of cell phones and electronic devices in relation to after-school activities. However, we have continued to experience many situations that have created problems directly related to inappropriate usage during school hours and in most cases distractions or interruptions to the learning process. Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School has determined that the presence of electronic devices, including mobile phones and smartphones, has the potential to distract students from their educational mission and to otherwise disrupt the educational environment.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 510</p>	<p>Therefore, Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School adopts this policy to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure and free from distractions for its students. Students are prohibited from using personally owned devices, including mobile phones and smartphones on school property. Students and parents/guardians will be required to sign an acceptance of the ELECTRONIC DEVICES/CELL PHONE POLICY prior to enrollment and annually thereafter.</p>
<p>3. Definition</p>	<p>Electronic Devices shall include all existing and emerging technology devices, including mobile telephones and smartphones; any device that can capture still images or movies; any device that can record, store, display, transmit or receive audio or video; personal digital assistants (PDA's);any device that can provide a connection to the Internet (whether wireless or wired); laptops and tablet computers, electronic gaming systems, pagers, and e-readers.</p> <p>* Laser Pointers are strictly prohibited*</p> <p><u>Loss or Damage to Personally Owned Devices</u></p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>Students are solely responsible for the safe storage of any electronic device/cell phone that they choose to bring to school. Students who choose to bring electronic devices to school will be required to secure them in their assigned locker and lock provided by the charter school. Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School shall not be liable or responsible for the loss or damage to any electronic devices that a student brings to school or from the confiscation of electronic devices as the result of a policy violation.</p>

ELECTRONIC DEVICES/CELL PHONES POLICY

Penalties for Violations

The Board authorizes building administrators, teachers, and security personnel to confiscate a student's electronic devices when used in violation of this policy. All confiscated personally owned devices shall be delivered promptly to the building administrator or designee. Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, and review a personally owned device or file when administration has a reasonable suspicion that a violation has occurred in order to maintain safety and security for all students and staff. **We ask that if a parent/guardian needs to get in touch with their child, please call the main office and we will pass on the message to your child. Likewise, if a student's activities or situation requires notification of his parent or guardian, a school administrator can grant permission for a supervised call.**

DISCIPLINARY RESPONSE

1st Violation:

Student will be required to secure their device in their assigned locker

2nd Violation:

Device will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day by an administrator or designee

3rd Violation:

Device will be confiscated and returned only to a parent or guardian by an administrator or designee

4th and subsequent violations:

Device will be confiscated and returned only to a parent or guardian after a meeting with school administration has been held.

Failure of a student to comply with the above disciplinary responses may result in further disciplinary action.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1