

**GREATER
JOHNSTOWN
CAREER &
TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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237. CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICES	
1. Purpose	This policy is intended to create guidelines on students/possession and use of various cell phones/electronic devices while on school property, school buses or vehicles, or at school-sponsored activities and events.
2. Authority SC 510, 1850.1	The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that students use, or desire to use, various cell phones/electronic devices while at school, on school property or while attending school-sponsored events. Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center embraces the use of such devices when used for educational purposes.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Administrative Director or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and staff about the center's cell phones/electronic device policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.
Pol. 113	Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with prior approval of the building administrator or designee, or when use is provided for in a student's individualized education program (IEP).
4. Guidelines	<p><u>Cell Phone/Electronic Devices</u></p> <p>Cell phones/electronic devices are allowed at the center subject to the following rules and regulations. The center prohibits the use of all devices, which in its opinion, have limited or no educational value or their use creates a disruption to the educational process. Devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones/electronic devices, two-way radios and pagers, as well as PDAs and laptops with two-way messaging capabilities. The center reserves the right to define the educational value of any new electronic/wireless devices that may become available to the general public in the future and to prohibit their use if they have little or no educational value or if such use creates a disruption to the educational process.</p>

<p>Pol. 815</p>	<p><u>Possession Of Cell Phones/Electronic Devices</u></p> <p>Students may carry a cell phone/electronic device to center-sponsored activities. It is highly recommended that students keep all cell phones and electronic devices in a secure area, as GJCTC is not responsible for lost or stolen items.</p> <p><u>Use Of Devices On School Grounds</u></p> <p>Use of cell phones/electronic devices during the school day is prohibited, without consent of the appropriate student supervisor, and they should be turned completely off and out of sight. Many cell phones/electronic devices have wireless Internet connection capabilities; a student using the wireless Internet capabilities on a permitted cell phone/electronic device shall abide by the district's computer/Internet acceptable use policy. A failure to do so will render the use of that cell phone/electronic device prohibited, and the consequences for the use of the prohibited cell phone/electronic devices, in addition to the consequences set forth in the district's computer/Internet acceptable use policy, shall apply.</p>
<p>SC 1317.1</p>	<p><u>Telephone Pagers/Beepers</u></p> <p>With prior administrative approval, the telephone paging device/beeper prohibition shall not apply in the following cases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 3. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building administrator.
<p>Pol. 218, 233</p>	<p><u>Disciplinary Action</u></p> <p>It is the students' responsibility to ensure that their cell phones/electronic devices are turned off and out of sight during unauthorized times. Students who violate the above restrictions shall be deemed to have created a disruption to the educational process and are subject to the following disciplinary actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First offense - confiscation and returned at the end of the day to the student. 2. Second offense - confiscation and returned to the parent/guardian during school hours.

<p>Pol. 233</p>	<p>3. Third and subsequent offenses - confiscation and returned to the parent/guardian during school hours and one (1) day out-of-school suspension.</p> <p>Any student refusing to give their cell phones/electronic devices to staff members when directed to do so will be suspended for one (1) day. Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones/electronic devices. The center shall not assume responsibility for theft, loss, damage of a cell phone/electronic device, or unauthorized calls made on a cell phone.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317.1, 1850.1</p> <p>Joint Operating Committee Policy – 113, 218, 233, 815</p>
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