

STUDENT ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES PERMISSION FORM

The Marple Newtown School District believes that electronic communication devices (ECDs), including students' personal electronic communication devices (PECDs), as defined in the School District's Electronic Communication Devices Policy #237, can be essential to and supportive of the educational program and also prepare students for future success. Therefore, the Board of School Directors has granted students the privilege, not the right, to possess and silently use PECDs during the school day in School District buildings, on School District property, and at School District-sponsored activities during the school day when they comply with Policy #237, other School District Policies, regulations, rules, procedures, terms of Internet Service Providers, and local, state, and federal laws and procedures ("Policy #237 and Other Laws") *and* when parents have granted permission on a School District written form for their child to use PECDs.

A copy of the School District's Policy #237 is available on the School District's website, www.mnsd.org, under "School Board Policy Manual." Students and parents must read the policy and this form carefully, discuss the content and any of their questions, sign and date this form, then **return the form to the main office of your child's school**. Other policies are also available on the website under "Resources".

Responsibilities come with this privilege:

1. Students may not allow the use of their PECDs or ECDs to interfere with their learning and the learning of others in their classroom and building, may not be disruptive to the educational process, and may not negatively affect the School District's mission or environment.
2. Students must use their PECDs or ECDs in compliance with Policy #237 and Other Laws.
3. Students may only use their PECDs and ECDs in areas authorized by the school administration and not in unauthorized areas. Students may not use their PECDs and ECDs in unauthorized ways as determined by the school administration, for example, by cyberbullying, sexting, harassing, intimidating, threatening others, accessing blocked or filtered websites, and taking, storing, or disseminating images of others in violation of Policy #237.
4. Each student is solely responsible for their own PECD and ECD. The School District assumes no responsibility for devices if they are lost, stolen, or loaned and will not guarantee time or resources will be used by the School District to locate stolen or lost PECDs or ECDs. If a PECD or ECD is stolen or lost, notify the main office of your child's school and report a theft to your local law enforcement entity.
5. The School District is not responsible for the security or privacy of the information/data on the student's PECD or ECD. The student is responsible for any costs of repair, maintenance, replacement, upgrade, enhancements, or modification to their PECD or ECD; School District employees will not provide such support. School District technology staff and/or other School District employees will not service any PECD or ECD not belonging to the School District and will not provide or pay for software or other components.
6. Students are not permitted to connect their PECDs or ECDs to any of the School District's systems and networks, whether WiFi, wired, wireless, cloud, or by any other way.
7. The School District will not be responsible for a student's actions or inactions conducted through their cellular service.
8. Students are prohibited from trading and selling their PECDs or ECDs to other students on School District property during regular school hours and at School District-sponsored activities.
9. The School District reserves the right to limit the use, confiscate, and search students' PECDs and ECDs as provided in Policy #237 and Other Laws, and to discipline students when use is in violation of Policy #237 and Other Laws. Disciplinary consequences will be in accordance with Policy #237 and Other Laws. Failure to turn over the PECD or ECD to a school official when requested may result in disciplinary action.

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STUDENTS

I have received, read, and understand Electronic Communication Devices Policy #237. Someone from the School District has also reviewed the policy with me, and my parent(s)/guardian(s) have reviewed it with me. In addition, I have been given the opportunity to obtain information from the School District and my parent(s)/guardian(s) about anything I do not understand, and I have received the information I requested. If I have further questions, I will ask the Principal or Assistant Principal of my school and my parents. I will use my PECD, and if relevant ECD, responsibly and comply with Policy #237 and other School District Policies such as, but not limited to, the School District's responsible use, social media, bullying/cyberbullying, harassment, and copyright policies, regulations, rules, and procedures, the rules of Internet Service Providers, and local, state, and federal laws and procedures. Additionally, I understand that if I violate this Policy, other School District policies, regulations, rules, or procedures, I am subject to the School District's discipline and could be subject to the rules of Internet Service Providers, and local, state, and federal laws and procedures.

Name of Student

Signature of Student

Date of Signature

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student of the School District, I grant my child permission to bring and to use his or her PECD or ECD as defined and as required in the School District's Electronic Communication Devices Policy #237. I have received, read, and understand Policy #237. In addition, I reviewed the Policy with my child and answered questions he or she asked. If either my child or I have further questions, I will ask the Principal or Assistant Principal of his or her school. I agree to have my child comply with the requirements of Policy #237 and Other Laws. Additionally, I understand that if he or she violates Policy #237 and Other Laws, he or she is subject to the School District's discipline and could be subject to the rules of Internet Service Providers, and local, state, and federal laws and procedures.

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Device and Serial Number

Date of Signature