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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) - Student Electronic Communication Devices Permission Form

The North Schuylkill School District believes that Electronic Communications Devices¹ (“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 some 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 while students are attending School District-sponsored activities during the regular school hours when they comply with Policy #237, other School District Policies, regulations, rules, procedures, terms of Internet service providers, websites, apps, and the relevant local, state, and federal laws and procedures (“School District Policies, this Permission Form, and Other Legal Requirements”), *and* when parent(s)/guardian(s) have granted permission on this Permission Form for their child to use PECDs, or ECDs (“this Permission Form”).

Attached to this Permission Form are copies of the School District’s Policy #237; a copy is also available on the School District’s website, at: <http://www.northschuylkill.net/pdf/policies/200/237.pdf>. Students and parents must read Policy #237, other relevant School District Policies and this Permission Form carefully, discuss the content, seek answers to their questions, sign and date this Permission Form, then return the Form to the main office of your child’s school. Other School District policies are available on the website at <http://www.northschuylkill.net/boardpolicies.html>.

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**Responsibilities come with this privilege (see Policy #237):**

1. Students may not allow the use of their PECDs or ECDs to interfere with their learning, and the learning of others in their classrooms and buildings, may not be disruptive to the educational process, and may not negatively affect the School District’s mission or environment.
2. Each student must use their PECD or ECD in compliance with Policy #237, this Permission Form, and Other Legal Requirements.
3. Students may only use their PECDs and ECDs in areas authorized by the school and/or school administration, and not in unauthorized areas. Students may use the School District’s WiFi service and may use their 3G/4G cellular service. 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 web sites, and taking, storing, or disseminating images of others in violation of Policy #237. ***The School District will not be responsible for student’s acts conducted through their cellular service. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are responsible for their child’s use of their 3G/4G service. This means that parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for their child’s misuse of their PECD or ECD in violation of Policy #237, other School District’s Policies, this Permission Form, and Other Legal Requirements, and that they will cooperate with the School District if disciplinary matters arise.***
4. Each student is solely responsible for his/her own PECD or 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 and ECDs. If a PECD or ECD is stolen or lost notify the main office at your child’s school and report a theft to your local law enforcement entity.

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<sup>1</sup> See the Definition sections in Policies #237 and #815 for the defined terms generally provided in initial capital letters through out this Permission Form.

5. The School District is not responsible for the security or privacy of the information/data on the student's PECD or ECDs. The Student is responsible for any costs of repair, maintenance, replacement, upgrades, enhancements, or modifications 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 prohibited from trading and selling their PECDs and ECDs to other students on School District property during regular school hours, and at School District-sponsored activities.

7. The School District reserves the right to limit the use, confiscate, and search student's PECDs and ECDs as provided in Policy #237, other School District Policies, this Permission Form, and Other Legal Requirements, and to discipline students when use is in violation of Policy #237, other School District Policies, and Other Legal Requirements. Disciplinary consequences will be in accordance with Policy #237, other School District Policies, this Permission Form, 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 Device Policy #237. Someone from the School District has also reviewed Policy #237 and this Permission Form with me, and my parent(s)/guardian(s) have reviewed them 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. If I need a copy of the Policies I understand that I can access them on the School District's website. I will use my PECD, and if relevant ECD, responsibly and comply with the School District's Policies, this Permission Form, and Other Legal Requirements, including other School District Policies such as, but not limited to, the School District's acceptable use, social media, bullying/cyberbullying, harassment, and copyright policies, regulations, rules, and procedures, the rules of ISPs and websites, and local state and federal laws and procedures. Additionally, I understand that if I violate this Policy, Other School District Policies and, this Permission Form, and Other Legal Requirements I am subject to the School District's discipline provided in School District Policies and Other Legal Requirements.

Name of Student

Signature of Student

Date of Signature

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**Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student participating in a School District program, service, and/or activity, I grant my child permission to bring and to use his or her PECD as defined and required in Policy #237, and in this Permission Form. I have received, read, and understand Policy #237, and this Permission Form, and agree to comply with them. In addition, I reviewed Policy #237 and the Permission Form 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 my child's school. If I need a copy of Policy #237 I understand that I can access it on the School District's website. I agree to have my child comply with the requirements of Policy #237, Other School District Policies, the Permission Form, and Other Laws. Additionally, I understand that if he or she violates Policy #237, the School District Policies, the Permission Form, and Other Legal Requirements, he or she is subject to the School District's discipline, and could be subject to the rules of ISPs and websites, and local state and federal laws and procedures.

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Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

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Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

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Date of Signature