

Lebanon School District

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: Sexting

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218.3 Sexting	
1. Definition	<p>While on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities, whether on or off school property, sending, sharing, viewing or merely possessing sexually explicit digital pictures, messages, text messages, emails or other material of a sexual nature in electronic form or other form on a computer, ipad, cell phone or other electronic device, is forbidden regardless of whether or not state and/or federal child pornography law has been violated.</p>
2. Guidelines	<p>All individuals involved in sexting are hereby placed on notice of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and their parents/guardians are hereby placed on notice that in any suspected investigation of a sexting incident, a school official may search a student’s cell phone, computer or other electronic device if reasonable suspicion exists that a student has been involved in sexting. All evidence and electronic devices shall be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement agency, and will not be retained by the district. • Students are hereby placed on notice that in any suspected incident of sexting the police and their parents/guardians may be contacted regarding the incident when the facts so warrant. Additionally, if reasonable suspicion exists that sexting has occurred, the school shall report the suspected activity to the appropriate authorities related to suspected child abuse or neglect. • When students violate prohibitions of this policy, they shall be subject to disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property or taking a school device off the premises, and being reported to their parent/guardian. A violation also may result in a report being made to law enforcement. In addition, an administrator may confiscate the device, which shall only be returned to the student’s parent/guardian or surrendered to the police if reasonable suspicion exists. • Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices. • Students shall not utilize a telecommunication or similar electronic device in a manner that would violate the District’s Acceptable Use policy or procedures or its Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline.