

USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Student use of any item that is potentially disruptive to the educational process or presents a safety concern will not be allowed in the Sharon Springs Central School Building. Such items will be confiscated and the student will be subject to disciplinary action. School rules prohibit the possession of cell phones, pagers, beepers, electronic games, CD and MP3 players, boom boxes, walkmans, laser lights, or any other electronic devices during the school day without authorization of the building administration. While the District discourages any student from bringing these items to school, one who chooses to bring an electronic device should store the item in the "off" position, secured, and locked in one's locker for the entire day. Unauthorized items will be confiscated and kept in the administrative office until the end of the day, and/or returned to parents. The District is not responsible if these items are lost or stolen.

The Board of Education recognizes the seriousness of the dangers of laser lights and, therefore, prohibits them not only in school but also on school buses. Clearance will be given to the teaching staff for use of a wireless mouse that is equipped with a laser pointer. This device will be used in conjunction with the laptop computers and LCD projectors for delivery of classroom instruction

In specific circumstances, approval may be given for:

1. The use of walkmans on bus runs if approved by the bus driver in charge.
2. The use of cassette players by special education students for educational purposes as stipulated in their IEP's.
3. The use of cell phones for contacting parents regarding the estimated time of arrival when students are returning from away games or activities if the use is approved by the student's supervisor/advisor/bus driver.