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## Pennsylvania Department of Education Policy Use of Electronic Devices During the Administration of State Assessments

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has instituted a policy regarding the use of electronic devices during the administration of all State assessments, including both PSSA and Keystone Exams.

In an era of cell phones, smartphones and other electronic devices which can easily photograph and instantly share photographs, confidential and secure test materials can be easily compromised. Not only is it expensive to replace a compromised test item, the material contained in the PSSA and Keystone Exams is copyrighted property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Copying or duplicating the material from the assessment, including the taking of photograph, is a violation of the federal Copyright Act.

**Students are not permitted to have cell phones, smartphones, E-readers, Nooks, Kindles, iPads, iPods, tablets, camera-ready devices, smartwatches, and any other electronic device which can be used to photograph or duplicate test materials, access the internet and/or communicate with others during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams.** We are notifying you of this policy in advance and encourage you to have your child leave such items at home on assessment days. During the weeks prior to the assessment dates, administrators and teachers will remind students not to bring to the testing room cell phones, cameras, or any other type of electronic device which could be disruptive and/or could take a photo of the assessment. If your child brings any such device to school on a testing day, the student will be required to leave the device in his/her locker or the Test Administrator will collect the devices in the testing room as required prior to the start of testing.

If your child uses the device in the testing room in any way, your child will be subject to discipline per District and school policies. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and attention to this matter.