

# CONNELLSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: DISTANCE COMMUNICATION

ADOPTED: December 20, 2006

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definition</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p> <p>Pol. 117</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">120. DISTANCE COMMUNICATION</p> <p>This policy provides guidelines for the use of distance communication for the purpose of supplemental instruction.</p> <p>The following defines the capabilities of <b>distance communication</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The school district has equipment that provides the capability of televising classroom lessons/activities to a recipient at home or in another facility, such as a hospital. A camera is attached to a computer in the classroom and the recipient (student) is able to receive a transmission from the classroom through logging on to the Internet using a secure and protected IP address. This would allow a path of one-way communication.</li> <li>2. Another capability would be to add a camera to a computer at a site away from the classroom and school facility. This would provide the capability for a two-way communication system and allow for interaction between the classroom and the recipient.</li> </ol> <p>Instruction by distance communication will involve students who are in unique medical circumstances as confirmed by a physician, such as a long-term and serious illness, a terminal illness, and/or other unique circumstances.</p> <p>Distance communication will be considered only if the homebound instruction service is no longer meeting the needs of the student.</p> <p>The request for the service will specify a projected time period, with the beginning and ending dates to be discussed and approved by the administrator, parent/guardian and teacher(s) involved.</p> <p>Requests will be reviewed by the building administrator, parent/guardian and teacher(s) of the student. If the request at that level is deemed appropriate and reasonable, and is approved by all parties, the request will be forwarded to the</p>
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<p>Pol. 117</p>	<p>Superintendent for final review and approval. If the request is denied and any party disagrees with the decision, the request will be forwarded to the Superintendent for final disposition.</p> <p>The specific daily schedule shall be determined by the teacher(s) in consultation with the parent/guardian and student.</p> <p>Any teacher who has consented to participate in this service will not be subject to evaluation, discipline or reprimand based upon the instruction presented through this medium.</p> <p>If a classroom teacher chooses not to participate, then the opportunity will be offered to another teacher who is familiar with the content and subject matter needed by the student.</p> <p>In certain circumstances, distance communication can be utilized in conjunction with homebound instruction if deemed appropriate.</p>
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