

Students

Use of Electronic Communication Devices Including Beepers, Pagers, Cellular Telephones, Digital Media Players

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Students shall not possess or use a remotely activated paging device while on school property, on school transportation, or while attending a school-sponsored activity on or off school property.

The school principal may grant written permission for such possession and use of a paging device by a student if the student or his/her parent or guardian establishes to the satisfaction of the principal that a reasonable basis exists for the possession and use of the device.

The Board of Education shall consider the special needs of parents and students in determining whether to restrict the student possession or use of cellular mobile telephones.

Students shall not use a cellular phone or a digital media player on school property during the instructional hours of the school day or when expressly prohibited by a faculty member while attending a school sponsored activity.

Digital media players may be used during the instructional hours of the school day with approval from the school administration.

Uses of devices listed above which are violations of this policy shall result in confiscation of the device by a member of the school staff. Parents/guardians shall then be contacted. Repeated violations of this policy shall result in additional confiscation and progressive implementation of student discipline.

Legal Reference:

PA 95-304 An Act Concerning School Safety

PA 96-108 An Act Concerning Student Use of Telecommunication Devices and the Establishment of Graduation Dates

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