

**CELL PHONE AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES**

**Personal and Electronic Signaling Devices**

The Governing Board acknowledges the importance of electronic communication between students and parents, particularly in school-wide emergency situations. Furthermore, the board recognizes the importance of instructional time and the need to minimize unnecessary interruptions. Therefore, students shall be permitted to have in their possession cell phones.

The possession of cell phones will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Cell phones shall be turned off during instructional time and any other time directed by a school administrator (including recess, nutrition, lunch, and passing periods).
2. Cell phone vibrating will not be permitted.
3. Cell phones must be placed inside the student's personal belongings (backpack/purse) and not visible at any time unless otherwise permitted.
4. A cell phone may be used in the event of a school-related emergency as determined by the Principal or Principal's Designee.

The use of these devices or their ringing/vibrating during school time or activities without the consent of the school administrator or teacher will be considered a disruption of school activities and subject to disciplinary action.

The Board and/or District does not assume liability if such devices are damaged, lost or stolen. Inclusively, the Board, School District, and/or School Site will not assume responsibility and/or investigate the loss or theft of such devices if lost or stolen.

Possession of other "Personal Electronic and/or Signaling Devices;" including, but not limited to IPOD, MP3/4 players, CD Players, Cameras, Video Cameras, Electronic Games, Audio Recording Devices will not be permitted.

**Enforcement of Standards**

Students who violate the cell phone and personal electronic signaling devices policy will be subject to discipline, including but not limited to, confiscation of the device, detention, Saturday School, suspension, expulsion or transfer to an alternative program in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulations. The school site will designate a day of the week and time when cell phones/pagers will be returned to parents/guardians.