

District Policy

5516- REMOTELY ACTIVATING COMMUNICATION DEVICES - PAGERS & CELLULAR TELEPHONES (M)



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Remotely Activating Paging Devices

Pupils are prohibited from bringing or possessing a remotely activating paging device on any school grounds, *including on a school bus or at a school sponsored function*, at any time regardless of whether school is in session or other persons are present, *absent the express written permission of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools or the school principal*.

Other Electronic Communication Devices

Pupils are not permitted to use *electronic communication devices, including but not limited to cellular telephones and wireless text messaging/e-mailing devices*, while school is in session *or on a school bus*. *Such electronic communication devices must be turned off while the pupil is in the school building and may only be turned on after school has concluded for the day and outside the school building.*

Pupils are not permitted to use cellular telephones during the school bus ride to and from school.

Electronic communication devices that are turned on in violation of this policy will be confiscated by the Building Principal and the pupil will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

~~The Building Principal may grant permission for a pupil to bring or possess a remotely activating communication device on any school property only if the pupil provides a written request to the Building Principal.~~

~~The pupil must establish to the satisfaction of the Building Principal a reasonable basis for the possession of the device. The written request must include the purpose for the pupil possessing and/or bringing the device on school property and the date or dates in which the pupil requests to possess and/or bring the device on school property. The written request must also include the date in which the pupil will no longer need to bring and/or possess the device on school property.~~

~~The Building Principal upon reviewing the request from the pupil, will make a determination. The determination will be in writing and if approved, written permission for the pupil to bring and/or possess a remotely activating paging device will be provided to the pupil.~~

~~Permission will only be provided for two weeks.~~

~~The pupil must submit a new request if the time in which permission is given to bring and/or possess a device expires. The pupil that is granted permission to possess and/or bring the device must be in the possession of the device at all times.~~

~~A pupil who is an active member in good standing of a volunteer fire company, first aid, ambulance or rescue squad may bring or possess a remotely activated paging device on school property only if the pupil is required to respond to an emergency and the pupil provides a statement to the Building Principal from the chief executive officer of the volunteer fire company, first aid, ambulance or rescue squad authorizing the possession of the device by the pupil at all times and that the pupil is required to respond to an emergency.~~

~~In the event a pupil violates this policy as to paging devices, the Building Principal, or designee, will confiscate the device, take appropriate disciplinary actions and immediately notify the Superintendent.~~

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