ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES

The Board of Trustees believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. On school ground and at school activities, students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program.

Possession of Cellular Phone and Other Personal Electronic Signaling Devices

No student shall be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic device that is determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the student's health, the use of which is for health related purposes (Education Code 48901.5)

Students may possess personal electronic signaling devices, including but not limited to pagers, beepers, and cellular/digital telephones provided that

1. The device is turned off at all times on school grounds or at school activities from the hours of 45 minutes prior to the beginning of the school day and 45 minutes after the school day concludes.
2. The device is turned off and concealed while the student is riding the school bus.
3. The device is concealed in a location where it is not visible to others (Ex. Backpack, purse).
4. The device may not be placed or stored in a student desk.
5. The student assumes responsibility for these items if they are lost or stolen.

First Offense: The student's parents will be notified. The device will be confiscated from the student and kept in the school office. It can be retrieved by the student at the end of the day after school is dismissed. If the device is not picked up on the day of the offense, it can be picked up the following day or subsequent day after school is dismissed until the end of the school year at which time the phone will be discarded if it is not claimed.

Second Offense: The student's parents will be notified. The device will be confiscated from the student and remain in the school office until it is retrieved by a parent or guardian of that student.

Third Offense: The student's parents will be notified. The device will be confiscated from the student and remain in the school office until it is retrieved by a parent or guardian of that student. The student will be suspended for one day for a repeated violation of a district policy. The student will receive 10 hours of community service.

Subsequent Offenses: The student's parents will be notified. The device will be confiscated from the student and remain in the school office until it is retrieved by a parent or guardian of that student. The student will be suspended for two days each time they violate this district policy. The student will be excluded from school activities for one trimester.

Legal Reference:

Education Code 48901.5 Cell Phones

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Policy

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