

POSSESSION AND USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES

The Committee recognizes that parents/guardians may wish to be in close contact with their children during the school day, and therefore, students may be provided with an electronic signaling device such as a pager or cellular telephone. However, these devices can be disruptive when used during the school day and can cause other problems as well. Thus, the Committee has established the following regulations:

1. Students shall be permitted to be in possession of electronic signaling devices while attending school and school sponsored activities.
2. Students shall have electronic signaling devices (cell phones, pagers) turned off at all times during school hours. Electronic signaling devices must be kept in backpacks during the school day. The only time that students may have the devices turned on or used is before school and after school. This policy also pertains to text-messaging and using the device to take pictures or play games.
3. Should a student receive or send an electronic message (i.e. phone call, text message) during school, the device shall be confiscated by a staff member and be given to the Principal. The student may pick up the device at the end of the day in the Principal's Office. A second infraction shall result in the signaling device being confiscated and the parent/guardian will be required to meet with the Principal in order to retrieve the device. A third infraction shall result in the device being confiscated, the parent being required to meet with the Principal and depending upon the nature of the infraction, further disciplinary action which may include revoking the student's right to bring the device to school for a specified amount of time.

If a student needs to use a telephone, he/she is advised to come to the Principal and ask permission to use the office phone.

The school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic signaling devices. Students are to make arrangements with their parent(s) or guardian(s) to contact the school office when attempting to reach them during the school day.

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