

Electronic Communications Devices - Students

Students may be in possession of a cellular telephone, pager/beeper, or other electronic communications device subject to the terms of this policy and the administrative rules of the District. Use of the device shall be limited to the period before classes begin in the morning, during the student's lunch period, and after the student's last class in the afternoon. Such devices shall not be used during instructional time or in the passing time between classes unless there is a bona fide health or safety emergency, or directly related to academic instruction.¹

In no case will any personal communication device that has photo or video capabilities be allowed to be used inappropriately on any school property.

Students violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action; i.e., detention, suspension and/or expulsion.

The administration shall promulgate rules to enforce this policy at the building level.

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LEGAL REF: MCL 380.1303 (PA 132 of 2003)

¹ THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE (EXCERPT) Act 451 of 1976; MCL 380.1303 (PA 132 of 2003)

Pocket pager, electronic communication device, or other personal communication device; applicability of subsection (1). Sec. 1303. (1) Until the end of the 2003-2004 school year, unless the Board or Board of directors adopts its own local policy to the contrary, the Board of a school District or Board of directors of a public school academy shall not permit any pupil to carry a pocket pager, electronic communication device, or other personal communication device in school except for health or other unusual reasons approved by the Board or Board of directors. A Board or Board of directors may develop penalties that it considers appropriate for a pupil who violates this prohibition or its own policy.

(2) Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, subsection (1) does not apply and the Board of a school District or Board of directors of a public school academy may adopt and implement its own local policy concerning whether or not a pupil may carry a pocket pager, electronic communication device, or other personal communication device in school.

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