

PUPILS

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5516 REMOTELY ACTIVATING COMMUNICATION DEVICES - PAGERS & CELLULAR TELEPHONES

The increased availability of cell phones has necessitated the need to regulate pupil use. This policy is designed to balance the need to maintain an educational environment while also providing access for pupils and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for safety, security, and convenience.

1. Pupils are permitted to bring cell phones into the school buildings. Pupils and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) assume all responsibility for such devices. The school district shall not be responsible for theft, loss, or damage of these devices brought to school. Cell phones may be used prior to the start of the school day and immediately following dismissal.
2. At the start of homeroom, all such devices must be shut off and put away.
3. Once the dismissal bell at the end of the school day has sounded, pupils are again permitted to activate their cell phones. The exception to this privilege relates to other after-school activities including, but not limited to co-curricular activities, sports, practices, detentions, tutoring, etc. Pupils engaged in after-school activities may activate their cell phones once the formal activity is completed with permission of the teacher, coach, or advisor.
4. Pupils who refuse to comply with the requirement of this policy will have their cell phones confiscated and returned only to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Any violations will result in disciplinary action.
5. By not handing in the cell phone, students are subject to additional discipline for insubordination.
6. All other electronic paging devices are prohibited for use in school.

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