MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS
Board Policy

STUDENTS

Electronic Signaling or Communication Devices

The District recognizes that instructional time must be protected from unnecessary disruption. Further, the District acknowledges the importance of electronic communication between students and parents, particularly in school-wide emergency situations.

PROCEDURES

1. **K-12**

   K-12 students may possess electronic signaling or communication devices on campus during the school day, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of a school district employee.

   Electronic signaling or communication devices shall be turned off and not be visible during class time, unless used for instructional purposes.

   No student shall be prohibited from using an electronic signaling device that is determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the student’s health and the use of which is limited to health-related purposes (Education Code 48901.5) or during a school-wide emergency affecting the school or community.

   Electronic signaling or communication devices include any device that operates through the transmission or receipt of radio waves, including but not limited to pagers, cellular/digital telephones, iPads, iPods, laptops, smartphones, phablets, tablets, and two-way radios.
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In permitting student possession of such devices, the District assumes no liability for the loss of the device or its misuse by another person.

(cf. 5131 - Student Conduct Code, K-6)
(cf. 5132 - Student Conduct Code, 7-12)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
48901.5 Electronic signaling device; possession or use prohibited; exception