

## **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES RULES**

Students may not possess a wireless telecommunications device during normal school hours (Exception: students may store their turned off cellular telephone in their school locker). A student may possess a wireless telecommunications device while on school premises, or while in transit under the authority of the school, or while attending any function sponsored or authorized by the school except as previously prohibited. Student use of wireless telecommunications devices during school sponsored activities will be left to the discretion of the sponsor/coach. Wireless telecommunications devices include, but are not limited to: beepers, pagers, cellular telephones, ipods, mp3 players, mini-computers, or any other electronic communications device.

A student may request permission to possess a wireless telecommunications device by receiving written permission from the student's parent or guardian and the superintendent or designee. Such permission will be granted for the current school year. Circumstances that will be considered include, but are not limited to:

1. Medical emergency;
2. The device is attached to an automobile as equipment or an accessory;
3. The device is turned off and is unable to receive in-coming communications while in the possession of the student;
4. The device is deemed necessary for the student's safety while commuting between home and school.

Students found to be in possession of a wireless telecommunications device in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. Violation of this policy will be considered an infraction under the policy on Student Behavior and Discipline. Wireless telecommunications devices will be confiscated if found to be in the possession of students in classroom buildings during normal school hours. These devices will be released only to a parent or legal guardian on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or subsequent offense(s). 1<sup>st</sup> offense: the student will receive a Saturday detention and will be disallowed from carrying any personal communications device following the incident for one (1) week unless a bona fide health emergency exists; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: the student will receive ISS (In-School-Suspension) for three (3) days and will be disallowed from carrying any personal communications device following the incident for one month unless a bona fide health emergency exists; 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: the student will receive out of school suspension for three (3) days and will be disallowed from carrying any personal communications device following the incident for the remainder of the current semester unless a bona fide health emergency exists.