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Students are not permitted to use electronic devices and/or cellular telephones while school is in session. Electronic Devices/Cellular telephones must be turned off while the student is in the school building and may only be turned on after school has concluded for the day and outside the school building.

Cellular telephones and/or any electronic devices that are used in violation of this policy will be subject to the following disciplinary action(s):

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: The electronic device(s) must be given to the Principal or Assistant Principal and the parent will be notified to pick up the device(s). Refusal to give the device(s) to the administrator for parent pick-up will result in an automatic 1 day out of school suspension.

 $3^{rd}$  offense: The electronic device(s) must be given to the Principal or Assistant Principal and the parent will be notified to pick up the device(s). Refusal to give the device(s) to the administrator for parent pick up will result in an automatic 1 day out of school suspension.

A third offense will also result in a one day out of school suspension, the loss of privilege to use their cell phone on school premises for the remainder of the school year, and the student will lose the privilege of participating in extra-curricular activities, such as prom, athletics, and graduation.

The Superintendent may grant permission for a student to bring or possess a remotely activating communication device on any school property only if the student provides a written request to the Superintendent.

The student must establish, to the satisfaction of the Superintendent, a reasonable basis for the possession of the device. The written request must include the purpose for the student possessing and/or bringing the device on school property and the date or dates in which the student requests to possess and/or bring the device on school property. The written request must also include the date in which the student will no longer need to bring and/or possess the device on school property.

The Superintendent, upon reviewing the request from the student, will make a determination. The determination will be in writing and if approved, written permission for the student to bring and/or possess a remotely activating paging device will be provided to the student. Permission will only be provided for the period during which need persists.



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The student must submit a new request if the time in which permission is given to bring and/or possess a device expires. The student that is granted permission to possess and/or bring the device must be in the possession of the device at all times.

A student who is an active member in good standing of a volunteer fire company, first aid, ambulance or rescue squad may bring or possess a remotely activated paging device on school property only if the student is required to respond to an emergency and the student provides a statement to the Superintendent from the chief executive officer of the volunteer fire company, first aid, ambulance or rescue squad authorizing the possession of the device by the student at all times and that the student is required to respond to an emergency.

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