

Use of Wireless Communication Devices by School Transportation Vehicle Operators

While the Board of Education believes the use of wireless communication devices by district school vehicle transportation vehicle operators is important to provide instant communication regarding emergencies as well as to convey other important information, school vehicle operators shall be subject to the following restrictions to ensure safe use.

For purposes of this policy, wireless communication device is defined as any device intended to facilitate communication, including but not limited to cell phones, two-way radios, walkie-talkies, palm pilots, beepers, pagers, etc.

Vehicle operators shall not place or receive communications on any personally owned wireless communication device while passengers are loading or unloading from the school vehicle or while the vehicle is in motion.

Under usual circumstances, use of district owned wireless communication devices shall be allowed when used to assist a vehicle operator in the necessary communications periodically needed to safely deliver children – home to school, school to school, school to home and on activity trips. Use of such devices while the vehicle is in motion shall be limited whenever possible.

Vehicle operators shall under no circumstances place or receive communications unrelated to district business while on duty.

Violation of this policy may subject the driver to disciplinary action.

LEGAL REF.: 1 CCR 301-26, Rule 4204-R-232.00
C.R.S. 42-4-239 (*using a wireless telephone for text messages while driving is prohibited*)

CROSS REFS.: EDB, Maintenance and Control of Materials and Equipment
EEAE, Bus Safety Program