



## AP 4-300 – POSSESSION AND USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Student possession and use of cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic signaling devices on school campuses and school buses, at school-sponsored activities, and while under the supervision and control of school division employees, is permitted under the circumstance described herein.

All students may use these devices on campus before school begins and after school ends. Students may, at the discretion of the school, use such devices during non-instructional time and during instructional time when authorized by the teacher for an instructional purpose.

Unless authorized by the teacher for instruction, these devices must be kept out of sight and turned off during the instructional program. Unauthorized use of such devices disrupts the instructional program and distracts from the learning environment. Therefore unauthorized use is grounds for confiscation of device by school officials. Repeated unauthorized use of such devices may lead to disciplinary action.

The following are inappropriate uses of electronic signalling devices: harassment, threats, intimidation, electronic forgery, bullying/threats, invasion of personal rights, cheating on tests/exams, or other forms of illegal behaviour during the instructional and non-instructional day. Students are not to use material, text messaging or social networking to invade personal privacy or harass another person, or disrupt the instructional day, or engage in dishonest acts.

Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the school principal for purposes relating to the health needs of a student.

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