

5516 USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND RECORDING DEVICES (ECRD)

The purpose of this policy is to assure the privacy rights and to protect the safety of pupils and employees. Additionally, to eliminate distractions from learning, achieving and work responsibilities and to prohibit harassment, intimidation or bullying by electric communication devices ("cyber bullying").

Pupils are not permitted to use an electronic communication device (ECRD) in school during school hours or while attending school-sponsored activities on or off school grounds, without the express written permission of the Edison Township Board of Education. ECRDs include, but are not limited to, personal mobiles, cell phones, mobile camera phones (cell cam), walkie-talkies or all other types of portable, wireless communication devices including computers.

Pupils may have in their possession an ECRD which shall be turned off and put out of sight during the part of the day they are in school or on school grounds during school hours.

During district-wide standardized and/or State testing, the following NJ DOE policy will apply: Under no circumstances are pupils permitted to have cell phones, MP3 players, or other unauthorized electronics in their possession during testing. Pupils found to have unauthorized electronics in a testing room will receive a voided result for that test section.

Pupils engaged in any activity beyond school hours under the direction and supervision of the Board or school shall turn off and put out of sight any type of ECRD until after the activity has ended and they have exited the school or activity location.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this policy, pupils are prohibited from bringing or possessing any remotely activating paging device on any property used for school purposes at any time and regardless of whether or not school is in session or other persons are present without the express written permission of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, or the school Principal.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.

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