LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CELLULAR TELEPHONES

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	237.1 CELLULAR TELEPHONES
1. Purpose	Unlike telephone paging devices (beepers), which State Law prohibits a student from possessing on school grounds, cellular telephones are not regulated. The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the widespread use of cellular telephones by students and their parents, particularly in the event of an emergency. The purpose of this Policy is to balance the widespread availability of cellular telephones with the need that a school environment conducive to learning not be compromised.
2. Authority SC 510	Students may possess cellular telephones on school property, on school provided transportation vehicles, and at school sponsored events. This privilege, however, is subject to the following restrictions:
3. Guidelines	A. **Classrooms.** Cellular telephones **cannot** be used, and must be deactivated in any classroom, library, computer lab, office or auditorium. During such class time, the cellular telephone must be deactivated unless use is approved by the instructor as a tool to complete an activity or assignment? B. **Gymnasium.** Cellular telephones **cannot** be used and must be deactivated in any gymnasium during class time; during extracurricular activities, as directed by the sponsor or administrator. C. **Hallways.** Cellular telephones may be used in school hallways and lobbies, but only prior to the start of school or **after the dismissal bell**. At all other times cellular telephones must be deactivated while in the hallways and lobbies. D. **Outdoors.** Cellular telephones may be used on exterior school grounds, except during a class that may be taking place outdoors. During such class time, the cellular telephone must be deactivated. E. **Audio/Video Capabilities.** Cellular telephones that have the capability to take photographs or to record audio or video shall not be used for such purposes while on school property, on buses or other vehicles provided by the school, or while a student

	is engaged in school-sponsored activities, unless expressly authorized in advance by the Administrative Director or appropriate personnel designated by the Administrative Director. As approved by the instructor as a tool to complete an activity or assignment?
4. **Exceptions**	A. Provided prior approval is obtained from the Administrative Director or appropriate personnel designated by the Administrative Director the above restrictions and prohibitions shall not apply in the following cases: 1. A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad; or 2. A student who has the need for a cellular telephone due to the medical condition of an immediate family member. If permission is granted, it shall be limited to using a cellular telephone that alerts the user to incoming calls by a "vibration." Using the cellular telephone in the "ring" mode is not permitted. B. Teachers may for good cause permit a student to utilize a cellular telephone during otherwise prohibited times or at a prohibited location.
5. Discipline	Students who violate this policy shall be subject to in-school suspension, out of school suspension, temporary or permanent revocation of cellular telephone privileges, and/or confiscation of the cellular telephone. A confiscated cellular telephone shall be deactivated and returned at the end of the school day. Parents/guardians will be notified of any disciplinary action, including confiscation or denial of cellular telephone privileges.
6. Responsibilities for Cellular Telephone	As in the case of other personal property, the school is not responsible for any financial losses incurred by a student or family if a cellular telephone is lost, stolen, damaged or misused.