

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

No. 529(a)

Board of Trustees
Douglas County School District

STUDENTS

USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES, PAGERS, AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES USED FOR COMMUNICATION

State legislation requires that local boards of trustees of each school district adopt a policy concerning the use and possession by students of a pager, cellular telephone, or other similar electronic device (such as portable radios, etc.) used for communication while on school grounds or while at an activity sponsored by a public school. The legislation also requires that prescribed appropriate measures for disciplining a student who violates the policy be included within each copy of the statutorily required rules of behavior for students provided by the school district.

Students may not use cellular telephones, pagers, and other similar electronic devices while on school grounds, or in school buildings during the designated instructional (student) day defined as any part of the day that students are engaged in classes and other instructional activities, including assemblies, or testing during the required minimum daily period for each grade or department. Reasons for the denial of the use of such devices during the instructional day include, but are not limited to, interference with teaching and learning as well as student/school safety issues.

If a site administrator determines that more restrictive use is appropriate at his/her site, he/she must submit his/her plan including the progressive discipline plan, in writing, to the Superintendent, parents, and students prior to implementation.

In the event a student violates the provisions of this regulation, a school administrator must utilize the school's progressive discipline plan. Furthermore, an administrator may use Board Policy No. 529, Suspension and Expulsion, and the due process afforded for willful disobedience to administrators, teachers, or other school district personnel (#3) and impairing or threatening the health, safety, or welfare of teachers, students, or other persons (#5) when disciplining students who violate this regulation. Confiscation of the device must be made with each occurrence. The device must not be returned to the student but may be returned to the parents and/or guardians of the student.

[See Policy related to this Administrative Regulation](#)
[See also: Administrative Regulations 529](#)

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