

## RANCHO SANTA FE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### **Board Policy No. 6027: ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES**

- A. The Governing Board recognizes the negative effects and disruptive impact that electronic signaling devices have on the educational environment of pupils. The Board therefore strongly discourages pupils from bringing electronic signaling devices to school. In an effort to address these harms and support pupil learning and well-being, it is the policy of the Board that there shall be a school-wide ban on the use of electronic signaling devices. Pupils may not use electronic signaling devices at any time during the school day.

A pupil must turn off and put away any electronic signaling device in the pupil's possession during the school day.

- B. Limited Exceptions: A pupil may possess or use an electronic signaling device only in the following circumstances:

1. In the case of an emergency, or in response to a perceived threat of danger.
2. When a teacher or administrator grants permission to a pupil to possess or use an electronic signaling device, subject to any reasonable limitation imposed by that teacher or administrator.
3. When a licensed physician and surgeon determines that the possession or use of an electronic signaling device is necessary for the health or well-being of the pupil.
4. When the possession or use of an electronic signaling device is required in a pupil's individualized education program.

- C. For purposes of this policy, the term "electronic signaling device" is any device that operates through the transmission or receipt of radio waves, including, but not limited to, smartphones, cellular phones, smart watches, pagers, two-way radios, and any other device that has the ability to transmit electronic messages of any kind.

- D. A pupil who violates this policy may have the electronic signaling device confiscated, and/or may be disciplined.

- E. The District assumes no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage to any electronic signaling device that is confiscated pursuant to this policy.

- F. This policy does not impact the ability of pupils to possess any District-issued electronic signaling device.

- G. This policy shall be reviewed by the Board at least every five (5) years.

Legal Reference:

Education Code sections 48901.5, 48901.7

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