

# CELLULAR PHONES

## **Cellular phones on school buses:**

In order to ensure you have some guidelines on the use of the cellular phone we have developed a procedure for you to follow. Every situation may be different from the standards in this procedure, so the bus driver will have to use their best judgment whether the situation dictates the use of the cellular phone.

1. The cellular phone will be used in an emergency and in any situation that will support the efficiency of the staff and the general support of the student and parent.

## **Bus Driver Personal Cell Phone Use:**

Because of safety issues related to the use of cellular phones, transportation personnel will follow the procedure below.

1. Drivers will not use cell phones for any situation while perform driving duties and while the bus is in motion.
2. If drivers need to use the cell phone they will pull the bus over in a safe area, secure the bus and ensure the bus and students are safe from other traffic.
3. A chaperone, coach, or teacher may use the cell phone while the driver is performing driving duties and the bus is in motion. The chaperone, coach, or teacher need to ensure to not distract the driver.

## **STUDENT PERSONAL CELL PHONE USE:**

The following guidelines have been developed and will be effective immediately pertaining to student cell phone use.

1. Students **will not** be allowed to use cell phones during regular bus runs.
2. Students **will be** allowed to use cell phones on activity buses to make arrangements to be picked at their bus stop with drivers consent.
3. Students **will be** allowed to use personal cell phones on field & sports trips when the call involves making arrangements to meet parent/guardian at the school or pickup location with drivers consent.
4. Students **will** refrain from making unnecessary phone calls that may disrupt the bus driver or other riders on the bus, and place the bus in any type of danger.
4. Students refusing to follow the above guidelines may have the cell phone confiscated by the driver, coach or teacher until the activity trip is over.
5. Extreme cases of misuse of a personal cell phone, i.e. picture taking of other riders, may result in the parent having to make contact with the school principal or director of transportation for the return of the cell phone