USE OF ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES BY
EMPLOYEES WHO OPERATE SCHOOL VEHICLES

Personal communication devices ("PCDs"), including PCDs equipped with ear pieces, earbuds, headsets, and/or Bluetooth, shall not be used for sending or reading text messages, or sending or receiving e-mails or any other data, anytime the operator is actively driving a District school bus or vehicle during the course of employment, with or without students on board. No driver may use a handheld mobile telephone anytime, while operating a school vehicle, including any time where the vehicle is in operation even if temporarily stopped due to traffic or traffic control situation, except to use for navigation directions, provided such directions are inputted into the device while the vehicle is not being operated, or to communicate with law enforcement or other emergency services if necessary.

For purposes of this policy, electronic PCDs include, but are not limited to, cellular and wireless telephones, any text-messaging device, and other WiFi enabled or broadband access devices, including computers, but does not include Citizens Band Radio or other two-way device which is installed in the vehicle and communicates directly with District transportation officials and other District vehicles only.

Policy Reference:
EE ADM          Student Transportation Management
EEACC          Student Conduct on School Buses
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EEB            Use of District-Owned or Private Vehicles to Transport Students
EEB ADM        Use of District-Owned or Private Vehicles to Transport Students

Legal Reference:
Wisconsin Statutes
115.76 (5)
115.787
118.51 (14)
121.51-121.58
118.45 (4)
Trans 300 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code

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