

Elsinboro Township Board of Education District Policy Manual

Students

Series 5000

**Paging Devices, Cell Phones &
Other Electronic Devices**

Policy 5129.7

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Paging Devices

Students are not permitted to possess or use remotely activated paging devices, beepers, walkie-talkies, audio devices or other forms of electronic communication during the school day, at any school-sponsored activity (on or off school property) or while en-route to or from any school function in a district owned, leased or contracted school vehicle.

Any person enrolled as a student in the School System knowingly and without the express written permission of the Board of Education or designee knowingly brings or possesses any remotely activated paging device, or other such electronic device at any time and regardless of whether school is in session or other persons are present, may be guilty of a disorderly persons offense.

Electronic devices necessary to maintain the medical health of the student are exempt from this policy. If a student requires the use of a medically required electronic device, it is expected that the student's physician will provide a written description of the device as well as its intended purpose.

Cell Phones

Use of cell phones is strictly prohibited.

Students are not permitted to possess or use cell phones during the school day, at any school-sponsored activity or while en-route to or from any school function in a district owned, leased or contracted school vehicle. An exception will be made for students participating in school-sponsored field trips. Students will be allowed to use their cell phones in emergencies only (i.e., they become lost from their group). Any student, who brings a cell phone on their field trip, does so at his/her own risk. Cell phones must be turned off and kept out of sight.

Smart Watches

Since Smart Watches may have the capacity to record images, the use and/or possession of Smart Watches by the students of this district is strictly forbidden. The Chief School Administrator/designee may, at his/her sole discretion, take possession of said watches and turn them over to the parents/guardians at a future date and time.

Failure to comply with this policy will subject students to the sanctioned as described in the student discipline code of the district. In all cases of violation of this policy, the cell phone shall be confiscated by the administration and returned to the parent/guardian.

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Any student who wishes to bring a cell phone onto any property used for school purposes must petition the Board of Education in writing to show a reasonable basis for the possession of such a device. The Board directs the CSA to develop regulations and implement this policy.

Legal References

- NJSA 2C:33-19 Prohibition of possession of remotely activated paging device
- 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties^[SEP]
- 18A:36-19.2 Search of student lockers
- 18A:37-1 Authority over students
- 18A:37-2 Suspension and expulsion