

## Students

### Electronic Devices

#### Use of beepers – Paging Devices/Cellular Telephones

The use of cellular telephones, beepers, pagers, and laser pointers during the academic day disrupts and interferes with the educational process. Students will be subject to disciplinary procedures and confiscation of the device if it is either visible and/or used during school hours. Parents, upon appearing at school, will be given the confiscated devices. Repeated violations of this policy will result in more severe disciplinary action, which may include suspension.

Disciplinary action may be taken against any student for using a cellular telephone or other electronic device, that is or is not otherwise banned by this policy, in any manner that disrupts the educational environment, including using the device to cheat, signal others, takes photographs, or otherwise violate student conduct rules. All electronic devices must be kept off and out of sight during the school day.

A “paging device” is defined as a telecommunications device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. A “cellular telephone” is defined as a phone or comparable communication device (including camcorder and camera cell phones) that is not connected to a standard telephone outlet or permanent connector.

Any person who discovers a student using a laser pointer, cellular telephone, or a paging device without the written permission of the principal or his/her designee in violation of this policy shall report the violation to a school administrator who shall confiscate the device and contact the parent/guardian. Repeated violations of this policy shall result in increased discipline, which may include suspension.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-233j Student possession and use of telecommunication Devices

PA 95-304 An Act Concerning School Safety

PA 96-108 An Act Concerning Student Use of Telecommunication Devices and the Establishment of Graduation Dates

PA 99-256 An Act Concerning AAC Laser Pointers

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