

## USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES BY BUS DRIVERS

While the Board of Education believes the use of wireless communication devices by district bus drivers is important to provide instant communication regarding emergencies as well as to convey other important information, bus drivers shall be subject to the following restrictions to ensure safe use.

For purposes of this policy, wireless communication device is defined as any device intended to facilitate communication, including but not limited to cell phones, two-way radios, walkie talkies, palm pilots, beepers, pagers, etc.

Bus drivers shall use caution in receiving calls on District owned wireless communication device while passengers are loading or unloading from the bus or while the bus is in motion.

To place a call, drivers need to use the following procedure:

- A. Pull over to the edge of the roadway.
- B. Place in park or neutral, and set the air brake.
- C. Now you may look up numbers and use the phone.

Peyton School District Buses have hand held cell phones available for making contacts in case of emergency or breakdown. These cell phones are not meant to be used to make personal or frivolous calls. In case of emergency, the same procedures as above would apply.

Use ~~the~~ of personally owned wireless communication device as stated above is prohibited.

Violation of this policy subject the driver to disciplinary action and/or being charged for any personal calls.

Adopted: