

**ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES**

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of electronic communication between students and parents, particularly in school-wide emergency situations. State Education Code grants the Trustees the authority to regulate the use of electronic signaling devices, including but not limited to pagers and cellular/digital telephones, and to establish guidelines that will ensure a positive learning environment, free from unnecessary disruption. Although the Trustees do not encourage possession of such devices on the school campus, it is recognized that some families may want their children to have access to these devices while they travel to and from school. The Trustees, therefore, recognize that the principal may wish to grant blanket authorization for students to possess such devices, subject to the principal's right to revoke such authorization on an individual basis. All such electronic devices shall be turned off during the school day except in case of emergency. The use of camera functions on electronic devices is prohibited at all time on campus. If the privilege of possessing these devices at school is abused and the possession or use of an electronic signaling device disrupts the school learning environment, the principal/designee has the authority to revoke the privilege and prohibit the student from possessing such devices on campus.

No pupil shall be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic signaling device that is determined by a licensed physician and surgeon to be essential for the health of the pupil and the use of which is limited to purposes related to the health of the pupil.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*48901.5 Electronic Signaling Devices*

## Policy

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