

Use of Wireless Communication Devices by School Transportation Vehicle Operators

While the Board of Education believes the use of wireless communication devices by district transportation vehicle operators is important to provide instant communication regarding emergencies as well as to convey other important information, vehicle operators 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.

Vehicle operators shall not place or receive communications on any personally owned wireless communication device while passengers are loading or unloading from the bus or while the bus is in motion.

Operators shall be allowed the use of school district provided hand held radios/walkie-talkies while the vehicle is in motion.

Under usual circumstances, use of district owned wireless communication devices shall be allowed when used to assist a vehicle operator and/or dispatcher in the necessary communications periodically needed to safely deliver children – home to school, school to school, school to home and on activity trips. Use of such devices while the vehicle is in motion shall be limited whenever possible.

Vehicle operators shall under no circumstances place or receive communications unrelated to district business while the bus is in service which is defined under this policy as being in motion or while students are loading or unloading.

Violation of this policy may subject the vehicle operator to disciplinary action.

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LEGAL REFS.: 1 CCR [301-26](#), Rule 4204-R-232.00
C.R.S. 42-4-239 (using a wireless telephone for text messaging while driving is prohibited)

CROSS REFS.: [EDB](#), Maintenance and Control of Materials and Equipment
[EEAE](#), Bus Safety Program