

STUDENTS – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES – Electronic Signaling Devices and Laser Pointers

In accordance with state law, students may not be in possession of electronic signaling devices on school property or at school events.

The Regional Office of Education has further determined that facsimiles (“look-alikes”) of electronic signaling devices or laser pointers create the same problems as real ones and prohibit their possession on school property or at school events.

Should a student be found with an unauthorized signaling device or facsimile thereof, the following should occur:

1. The device should be confiscated.
2. An administrator should determine if just cause exists to engage in a search for drugs or other paraphernalia.
3. The administrator should determine whether disciplinary measures should be invoked. If a suspension is warranted, due process is followed.
4. The administrator should notify the police and turn the device over to them for further investigation.
5. If the police refuse to take the device, it is not to be returned to the student. If the student or his/her parent/legal guardian demands the device, inform him/her that they may request a hearing with the Director of Alternative Education to determine whether the device should be returned. The device should be forwarded to the Director of Alternative Education.
6. If a hearing is held regarding the confiscation, the device becomes evidence. If the confiscation is upheld or no hearing is requested, the Director of Alternative Education shall dispose of the device.

Cellular telephones (car phones) should be confiscated only when the administrative official feels there is just cause to believe that they are being used for illegal or disruptive activities.

Should a need for a paging device exist due to a health or health-related situation, the student’s parent/legal guardian shall address a request in writing to the administrator or

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Director of Alternative Education, explaining the reason for the request. The administrator's or Director's response shall be made in writing.

All authorized devices shall have brand names and serial numbers recorded in the administrator's office.

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