

5516 USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND RECORDING DEVICES (ECRD)

The Board of Education believes ~~pupils~~ **students** and/or school staff members should not be subject to having a video or audio recording taken of any ~~pupil(s)~~ **student(s)** or school staff member(s) for any purpose without the consent of the ~~pupil~~ **student**, the ~~pupil's~~ **student's** parent or ~~guardian~~, and/or the school staff member. In addition to protecting the privacy rights of **students** and school staff members, the Board recognizes such recordings can be disruptive to the educational program. In addition, inappropriate recordings of educational material, ~~pupil~~ **student** assessment instruments, and/or ~~pupil~~ **student** assessment reviews can be used to compromise the integrity of the district's educational program or lead to academic dishonesty in the event such recordings are stored and/or transmitted to other ~~pupils~~ **students**. Therefore, the Board of Education adopts this Policy regarding ~~pupil~~ **student** use of electronic communication and recording devices.

"Electronic communication and recording device (ECRD)" includes any device with the capability to audio or video record or is capable of receiving or transmitting any type of communication between persons. An ECRD includes, but is not limited to, cameras, cellular and wireless telephones, pagers/beepers, laptop computers, electronic readers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), two-way radios, portable fax machines, video broadcasting devices, and any other device that allows a person to record and/or transmit, on either a real time or delayed basis, sound, video or still images, text, or other information.

~~A pupil student is not permitted to have turned on or use an ECRD on school grounds during the school day or when the pupil student is participating in a curricular or school-sponsored co-curricular activity.~~ This Policy is not intended to prohibit appropriate use of electronic devices for authorized or approved official curricular or school-sponsored co-curricular activities such as yearbook photographs, staff member/teacher-directed and approved activities, classroom presentations, and athletic events and drama production filming. A ~~pupil~~ **student** authorized or approved to use an ECRD may not use an ECRD to access internet sites or view information or internet-based material that is inappropriate or would be blocked from ~~pupil~~ **student** access by the school district's acceptable use of computers and networks policy. A ~~pupil's~~ **student's** personal ECRD may ~~only~~ be used on school grounds in an emergency situation **or before and after the school day** or with the permission of a school staff member supervising the ~~pupil~~ **student** in a curricular or school-sponsored co-curricular activity. Any audio and/or video recording by a ~~pupil~~ **student** using their personal ECRD with permission of a school staff member while participating in a curricular or school-sponsored activity where other ~~pupils~~ **students** or staff members are present shall require the permission for such recording from any other ~~pupil~~ **student** and their parents or ~~guardians~~ and/or staff members whose voice or image is to be recorded.



Nothing in this Policy is intended to prevent a **pupil student** from using their personal ECRD and recording school-sponsored co-curricular activities as a non-participant when the activity is open to the general public.

For the purposes of this policy, “school grounds” means and includes land, portions of land, structures, buildings, and structures that support these buildings, including, but not limited to, administrative buildings, kitchens, maintenance shops, and garages. “School grounds” also includes other facilities as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2, playgrounds, and other recreational places owned by the local municipalities, private entities, or other individuals during those times when the school district has exclusive use of a portion of such land.

An ECRD used in violation of this Policy will be confiscated by a school staff member or Principal or designee and the **pupil student** will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

A student shall not knowingly bring or possess any remotely activated paging device on any school grounds, including on a school bus or at a school-sponsored function, at any time and regardless of whether school is in session or other persons are present.

A **pupil student** who is an active member in good standing of a volunteer fire company, first aid, ambulance or rescue squad may bring or possess a remotely activated paging device on school property only if the **pupil student** is required to respond to an emergency and the **pupil student** provides a statement to the Principal from the chief executive officer of the volunteer fire company, first aid, ambulance or rescue squad authorizing the possession of the device by the **pupil student** at all times and that the **pupil student** is required to respond to an emergency.

The Principal or designee will confiscate the remotely activated paging device, take appropriate disciplinary action and shall immediately notify the Superintendent of Schools and the appropriate criminal justice or juvenile justice agency if a **pupil student** brings or possesses a remotely activated paging device in violation of ~~N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.8~~ **N.J.S.A. 2C:33-19** and this Policy.

N.J.S.A. 2C:33-19
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.8

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