

Policy

No. 546 (5516)

Board of Education
Nutley

PROGRAM

5516 REMOTELY ACTIVATING COMMUNICATION DEVICES –
PAGERS & CELLULAR TELEPHONES

Pupils are not permitted to bring or possess a remotely activating paging device on any school district property at any time regardless of whether school is in session or other persons are present.

Pupils are not permitted to use cellular telephones while school is in session. This includes instructional activities taking place outside of the school building during the school day. Cellular telephones must be turned off while the pupil is in the school building. Pupils involved in extra-curricular activities before or after school may utilize a cell phone on school premises for the purpose of notifying a parent/guardian provided they have been given permission to do so by the faculty advisor or coach in charge of the activity.

Cellular telephones that are turned on in violation of the policy may be confiscated by the building Principal and the pupil will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The building Principal may grant permission for a pupil to bring or possess a remotely activated paging device on any school property only if the pupil provides a written request to the building Principal.

The pupil must establish to the satisfaction of the Principal a reasonable basis for the possession of the device. The written request must include the purpose for the pupil possessing and/or bringing the device on school property and the date or dates in which the pupil requests to possess and/or bring the device on the school property. The written request must also include the date in which the pupil will no longer need to bring and/or possess the device on school property.

The building Principal, upon reviewing the request from the pupil, will make a determination. The determination will be in writing and if approved, written permission for the pupil to bring and/or possess a remotely activating paging device will be provided to the pupil. Permission will only be provided for a period not to exceed the school year.

The pupil must submit a new request if the time in which permission is given to bring and/or possess a device expires. The pupil that is granted permission to possess and/or bring the device must be in the possession of the device at all times.

A pupil 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 is required to respond to an emergency and the pupil provides a statement to the building 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 at all times and that the pupil is required to respond to an emergency.

In the event a pupil violates this policy as to paging devices, the building Principal, or designee, will confiscate the device, take appropriate disciplinary actions and immediately notify the Superintendent and the local law enforcement agency.

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