

## **STUDENT USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND OTHER DEVICES POLICY**

The Board of Education recognizes the need to provide access to technological resources. For the purpose of this policy, it includes portable two-way telecommunications devices, including but not limited to cellular telephones with or without cameras, beepers, walkie talkies, other hand-held devices used as a communication device, any portable electronic device capable of storing and; transmitting or receiving images, such as cameras, as well as any new technology developed for similar purposes.

The Cape May City Board of Education extends to students the privilege to possess; display and use "Communication Devices" before and after the instructional day provided such "Communication Devices" are not displayed, activated or used inside school buildings during the instructional day. All such devices must be turned off and in a classroom closet, backpack or similar enclosure during the instructional day. The instructional day includes, but is not limited to lunch breaks, class changes, study halls and any other structured or non-structured instructional activity that occurs during the normal school day as well as extra curricular activities or after school activities.

In the event a pupil violates this Policy, the Chief School Administrator or designee will confiscate the device, have it retrieved by the parent or guardian and revoke the student's privilege for future possession or use of "Communication Devices".

The Board of Education assumes no responsibility in any circumstances whatsoever for the loss, destruction or theft of any cellular phones, remotely activating paging device or similar device that is brought to school at any time or to any extra curricular or after school activity.

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### **Definitions**

For the purpose of this policy "other electronic portable devices" shall include but not be limited to: beepers, pagers, walkie talkies, iPods, MP3 players, Walkmans, Blackberries, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), and other similar electronic devices. This definition will also include any new technology developed for similar purposes. Excluded from this definition is any device with communication capabilities that has been approved for instructional purposes.

“Use” – shall mean making or receiving phone calls, taking or receiving photographs, text messaging, playing games, listening to music and using any other function or feature of the cellular phone or other electronic portable device.

“Turned Off” – shall mean that the cellular phone or other portable electronic device is turned off so that it cannot function and shall not mean that the devices are in silent or vibrate mode.

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