

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.

Use of 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.

Vehicle operators shall under no circumstances place or receive communications unrelated to district business while driving or loading and unloading students.

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

Delta County School District 50J

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. [42-4-239](#) (*using a wireless telephone for text messaging while driving is prohibited*)

1 CCR [301-26](#), Rule 4204-R-232.00

CROSS REFS.: EDB, Maintenance and Control of Materials and Equipment

[EEAE](#), Bus Safety Program