



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **October 8, 2019**

TITLE: **Approval of New Governing Board Policies IHAMD (Instruction and Training in Suicide Prevention) and GBEFA (Staff Use of Digital Wireless Communications or Electronic Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle)**

BACKGROUND:

As recommended by the Arizona School Boards Association, on September 10, 2019 the Governing Board studied recommended new policy documents. These proposed new policies are now presented for the Board's approval: IHAMD (Instruction and Training in Suicide Prevention) and GBEFA (Staff Use of Digital Wireless Communications or Electronic Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle).


RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board's approval, which the Administration recommends.

INITIATED BY:


Michelle H. Tong, J.D.,
Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel

Date: September 24, 2019


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

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- C. Appropriate intervention and referral techniques.

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STAFF USE OF DIGITAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS OR
ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE

Arizona law (A.R.S. 28-914, effective January 1, 2021), states that a person may not operate a motor vehicle on a street or highway if the person does either of the following:

- A. physically holds or supports with any part of the person's body either of the following:
 - 1. portable wireless communication device, except that a person may use a portable wireless communication device with an earpiece, headphone device or device worn on a wrist to conduct a voice-based communication.
 - 2. a stand-alone electronic device.
- B. writes, sends or reads any text-based communication, including a text message, instant message, e-mail or Internet data, on a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device.

This does not apply to either of the following:

- A. the use of voice-based communications, including through the use of a portable wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device, to direct the writing, sending, reading or other communicating of any text-based communication.
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 - 1. navigation of the motor vehicle.
 - 2. use of a global positioning system.
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This also does not prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle while using a device, including a device that is accessible through an interface that is embedded in a motor vehicle, that allows communication without the use of either of the driver's hands, except to activate or deactivate a function of the device.

An operator may use a portable wireless communication device:

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"Portable wireless communication device:"

- A. means a cellular telephone, a portable telephone, a text-messaging device, a personal digital assistant, a stand-alone computer, a global positioning system receiver or a substantially similar portable wireless device that is used to initiate or receive communication, information or data.
- B. does not include a radio, citizens band radio, citizens band radio hybrid, commercial two-way radio communication device or its functional equivalent, subscription-based emergency communication device, prescribed medical device, amateur or ham radio device or in-vehicle security, navigation or remote diagnostics system.

"Stand-alone electronic device" means a portable device other than a portable wireless communication device that stores audio or video data files to be retrieved on demand by a user.

The Superintendent will develop training to implement this policy prior to the effective date.

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CROSS REF.: EEAE – Bus Safety Program
 EEAEA – Bus Driver Requirements, Training and Responsibilities
 EEAG – Student Transportation in Private Vehicles
 EEB – Business and Personnel Transportation Services
 GBEA - Staff Ethics
 GBEB - Staff Conduct
 GBEBB - Staff Conduct With Students
 GCQF - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Professional Staff Members
 GDQD - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Support Staff Members
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