

POLICY 2222

Transportation – Use of Cellular Telephones

- A. No driver of a District owned vehicle in which students are being transported, or the driver of any vehicle in which a District employee is transporting students, shall use a cellular telephone or electronic devices (such as but not limited to cell phones, PDA's, computers, head phones for music, or other entertainment devices) while students are in the vehicle until the vehicle is stopped and safely parked. **District provided and approved GPS or management information devices may be used as directed by the Transportation Director for safety or efficiency.** Once the vehicle is safely parked the operator may use a cell phone or electronic devices for: emergencies, special needs issues, behavior management, appropriate field/activity trip assistance, or other school business-related issues.

[*Utah Admin. Rules R277-601-3\(1\), \(2\)\(a\), \(b\) \(March 12, 2020\)*](#)

- B. Drivers of District owned cars, vans and trucks (not school buses), may use only “hands free” cellular telephones if no students are in the vehicle. A school bus operator may use a cellular telephone or other electronic device for personal use, once the school bus is safely parked, appropriately secured and all passengers are safely off and at a safe distance from the bus.

[*Utah Admin. Rules R277-601-3\(1\), \(d\)*](#)

- C. Passengers (students and employees) may only use cellular telephones and electronic devices if:
1. Used in a manner that is not distracting to the driver of the vehicle, or
 2. Necessitated by an emergency to assist the driver, and
 3. Used appropriately so others in the vehicle/bus are not threatened or harassed.
- D. Drivers of District owned vehicles may use District installed two-way radios as necessary to perform their employment functions as described in their job description.
- E. Each school bus operator shall be trained regarding the safe and appropriate use of two-way radios, fixed GPS devices, and regarding the restrictions on use of electronic

devices. Retraining or refresher training on these subjects shall be provided as needed and as determined by the Transportation Director. The District shall maintain documentation of all such training.

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-601-3\(2\)\(b\), \(c\) \(March 12, 2020\)](#)

- F. Violation of the prohibitions regarding use of electronic devices by school bus operators may subject the violator to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. Violations of the prohibitions for emergency or compelling reasons may require documentation and will be considered on an individual basis by the District

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-601-3\(3\) \(March 12, 2020\)](#)