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# Use of Mobile Communication Devices

## - Current Practices -

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# Board Policy 5131.8 Highlights

Students may use cell phones, smart watches, pagers, or other mobile communication devices on campus during non-instructional time as long as the device is utilized in accordance with law and any rules that individual school sites may impose.

Mobile communication devices shall be turned off during instructional time. However, a student shall not be prohibited from possessing or using a mobile communication device under any of the following circumstances:

1. Emergency; response to danger
2. Teacher/Administrator permission granted
3. Health or Medical reasons
4. Required by the student's IEP or 504 Plan





# Current Practices Related to the Use of Electronic Devices at Elementary & Middle Schools

- Consistent practices in place that reflect current board policy
- Cell Phone usage prohibited throughout the day (including lunch, nutritional break times, before and after school)
- Practices in place for several years - part of the culture and expectations



# Current Practices Related to the Use of Electronic Devices at PGHS

- PGHS Handbook supports practices reflected by current Board Policy
- Non uniform approach to the implementation of board policy
  - The policy permits the use of cell phones with staff permission (and in accordance with all stated exceptions) - as permitted by board policy
  - While some classrooms prohibit cell phone usage during instructional time others do allow it
  - In accordance with board policy students are currently permitted to use electronic devices during lunch and nutritional breaks
- Part of the embedded culture over recent years

# Next Steps for PGHS/CHS

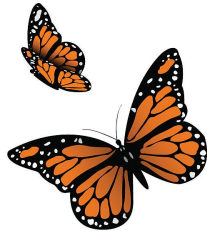
Input & Discussion Forums  
Over the Next 8 Weeks

Principal O'Meara to engage staff, students, and parents in input sessions that will include the following topics:

- Current practices related to cell phone usage during instructional time and non-instructional time
- Discussions and planning sessions with staff to create a more uniform approach to implementing board policy



# Administrative Regulations (AR) Policy



Assistant Superintendent Jorn to collaborate with staff to:

- Review Current Board Policy
- Develop Language for AR Policy
- Present Proposed AR to Policy Committee for approval

