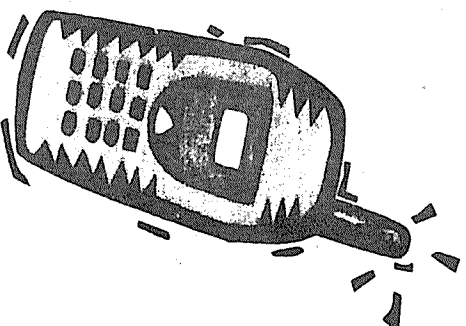


# IUSD Board Policy- Electronic Signaling and Recording Devices



The Irvine Unified School District acknowledges the importance of electronic communication between students and parents, particularly in emergency situations. Further, the district recognizes that instructional time is precious and must be protected from unnecessary disruption. In July, 2004, the Board of Education, in conjunction with high school principals, revised Board Policy 5131.6: Electronic Signaling & Recording Devices relative to possession and use of electronic signaling and recording devices, i.e., cell phones, PDA's, two-way radios, pagers, cameras, etc.

In order to protect privacy for all students, to ensure the integrity of the instructional process and minimize the opportunity for cheating, the new policy was adopted that restricts use of cellular phones and electronic signaling devices during the school day. Students may have such devices in their possession during the school day; however, **use shall be prohibited from the first bell at 8:00AM to the end of the regular bell schedule at 3:25PM. Such devices shall be deactivated and remain out of sight.** Exceptions include:

- use during an emergency affecting the school or the community
- upon direction from a licensed physician and surgeon if carrying such a device is essential to, and the use is limited specifically to, the health of the student
- within a classroom environment where the teacher gives specific permission to use a specific capability of a device

Parents will not be able to contact their student during the school day, by cell phone. In the case of a family emergency, during the school day, parents may call the school and ask that a message be delivered to their student.

**Students in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action. If a cell phone is used at any time, without express permission from a staff member, the phone will be confiscated and held in the administrative office, until the following day or given to a parent. Saturday School will also be assigned.**

I have read and understand Board Policy 5131.6: Electronic Signaling & Recording Devices

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Student Signature

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Student Name: Please Print

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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