## GORE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES RULES

Students will not possess any wireless telecommunications devices on school property other than cell phones or while attending any school-sponsored activity on or off school property without permission. Wireless telecommunications devices include, but are not limited to:

Beepers/pagers

"Walkie Talkies," either long- or short-range

Portable CB radios

Portable "HAM" radios,

Portable police scanning devices

Portable games or toys that transmit a signal more than 20 feet or through walls

Other emergency electronic communications devices

Use of a wireless telecommunications device shall be limited to the period before classes begin in the morning, during the student's lunch period, and after the student's last class in the afternoon and passing periods. Except for situations involving a bona fide health or safety emergency, wireless telecommunications devices are not to be used during class or instructional time, or unless specific permission has been granted by the building principal.

A student may request permission to possess a wireless telecommunications device by receiving written permission from the student's parent or guardian and the superintendent or designee. Such permission will be granted for the current school year. Circumstances that will be considered include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Medical emergency;
- 2. The device is attached to an automobile as equipment or an accessory;
- 3. The device is turned off and is unable to receive in-coming communications while in the possession of the student;
- 4. The device is deemed necessary for the student's safety while commuting between home and school.

Violation of any of these rules will be reason for disciplinary action. Wireless telecommunications devices will be confiscated if found to be in the possession of students who do not have current authorized permits. These devices will be released only to a parent or legal guardian.

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