

# Infinity Charter School

**SECTION: STUDENT POLICIES**

**TITLE: CELL PHONES**

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## 338. USE OF CELLULAR PHONES BY STUDENTS

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**Purpose:**

The use of cellular telephone or similar devices by students has been found not only to be disruptive to the educational process but, in many cases, contributory to illegal purposes. This policy shall serve notice that Infinity Charter School discourages the use of such cellular phones or similar devices on school premises.

**Authority:**

The Board prohibits students from using cellular telephones, commonly referred to as cell phones, during school hours, at school sponsored activities, and on fieldtrip buses or other vehicles.

**Definitions:**

“Cell phones” refers to any personnel communication device, typically understood as cell phones, but shall include “walkie-talkies,” and/or devices that have the ability to take photographs or record video or audio, or that provide for wireless connections to the Internet.

**Guidelines:**

Each Infinity classroom is equipped with a telephone that can be used to reach a student in case of an emergency during school hours. Parents who wish to communicate with their child after school hours, may require the child to carry a cell phone to school. In these cases, the cell phone must be turned off and stored in the child’s backpack during school hours. If a cell phone is being used, or is out of a student’s backpack, during school hours, it shall be confiscated and retained in the school office until retrieved by the parent or guardian.

Cell phones/pagers may be allowed in the following cases:

1. A student who has need for a telephone pager due to the medical condition of an immediate family member provided that the CAO/Director has been properly informed in writing from the attending physician as to the need for the student to be paged.

*or*

2. Other reasons determined appropriate by the CEO/Director

ICS shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any such electronic device brought to school by a student.