



Millville Public Charter School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to make you aware of the “Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (EDRC) Policy” for the Millville Public Charter School. Students are not to use cell phones or any other EDRC throughout the school day.

As part of this school Policy, students will have 2 options:

- Students will be expected to have all personal devices turned off and placed in their bookbags or lockers before the start of the school day.
- Throughout the day, if students are seen with a cell phone or other such device, they will need to use the school’s collection system. Each classroom has a storage container for electronic devices, and students will need to place their EDRC in the bin. Students will be able to retrieve their electronic device at the end of the class period.

As per Board approved school policy, cell phones are not permitted to be used in school. The Policy is referenced on the back of this letter. We ask that you discuss the reverse side’s information with your child, and we trust each student will adhere to this Policy.

Thank you in advance,



Valerie James-Kemp
Principal

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The Board of Trustee's believes students and/or school staff members should not be subject to having a video or audio recording taken of any student(s) or school staff member(s) for any purpose without the consent of the student, the student's parent, and/or the school staff member. In addition to protecting the privacy rights of students and school staff members, the Board recognizes such recordings can be disruptive to the educational program. In addition, inappropriate recordings of educational material, student assessment instruments, and/or student assessment reviews can be used to compromise the integrity of the district's educational program or lead to academic dishonesty in the event such recordings are stored and/or transmitted to other students. Therefore, the Board of Trustee's adopts this Policy regarding student use of electronic communication and recording devices.

"Electronic communication and recording device (ECRD)" includes any device with the capability to audio or video record or is capable of receiving or transmitting any type of communication between persons. An ECRD includes, but is not limited to, cameras, cellular and wireless telephones, pagers/beepers, laptop computers, electronic readers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), two-way radios, portable fax machines, video broadcasting devices, and any other device that allows a person to record and/or transmit, on either a real time or delayed basis, sound, video, or still images, text, or other information.

- X A student is not permitted to bring, possess, or use an ECRD on school grounds at any time, regardless of whether school is in session or not.

For the purposes of this policy, "school grounds" means and includes land, portions of land, structures, buildings, and structures that support these buildings, including, but not limited to, administrative buildings, kitchens, maintenance shops, and garages. "School grounds" also includes other facilities as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2, playgrounds, and other recreational places owned by the local municipalities, private entities, or other individuals during those times when the school district has exclusive use of a portion of such land.

An ECRD used in violation of this Policy will be confiscated by a school staff member or Principal or designee and the student will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.



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- X A student shall not knowingly bring or possess any remotely activated paging device on any school grounds, including on a school bus or at a school-sponsored function, at any time and regardless of whether school is in session or other persons are present.

The Executive Director, upon reviewing the request from the student, will make a determination. The determination will be in writing and if approved, written permission for the student to bring and/or possess a remotely activating paging device will be provided to the student. Permission will only be provided for

(2) week(s).

The student must submit a new request if the time in which permission is given to bring and/or possess a device expires. The student that is granted permission to possess and/or bring the device must be in the possession of the device at all times. The Principal or designee shall immediately notify the Executive Director and the appropriate criminal justice or juvenile justice agency if a student brings or possesses a remotely activated paging device in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-19 and this Policy.]

A student who is an active member in good standing of a volunteer fire company, first aid, ambulance or rescue squad may bring or possess a remotely activated paging device on school property only if the student is required to respond to an emergency and the student provides a statement to the Executive Director from the chief executive officer of the volunteer fire company, first aid, ambulance or rescue squad authorizing the possession of the device by the student at all times and that the student is required to respond to an emergency.

The Principal or designee will confiscate the remotely activated paging device, take appropriate disciplinary action and shall immediately notify the Executive Director and the appropriate criminal justice or juvenile justice agency if a student brings or possesses a remotely activated paging device in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-19 and this Policy.

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