

**CELL PHONE, MEDIA DEVICES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES USE AND
OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON
DISTRICT (OWNED AND LEASED) PROPERTY**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA (SBBC) RECOGNIZES THE USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE POSES A SAFETY HAZARD. THE SCHOOL BOARD BELIEVES THE USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY OF ITS STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENTS AND VISITORS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY IS TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO RESTRICT THE USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES FOR ALL DRIVERS WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON DISTRICT OWNED AND LEASED PROPERTY.

DEFINITIONS

1. “**Electronic Devices**” include cell phones, digital tablets, and other handheld media devices that when utilized by the driver of a motor vehicle would pose as a potential distraction.
2. “**Hands-free Devices**” include Bluetooth and other device accessories that permit the operation of an electronic device without holding it.
3. “**School Board Property**” includes all owned and leased property of the School Board of Broward County. This includes all parent, student and bus drives, as well as parking garages and other areas designated for vehicular traffic.

RULES

1. Individuals are restricted from utilizing cell phones and other electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle on School Board property. This includes all employees, parents, students, visitors, and other individuals accessing School Board property.
2. Employees, including contracted employees, are restricted from utilizing cell phones while operating or repairing equipment or heavy machinery on School Board property.
3. This policy restriction is not applicable when a hands-free device is being utilized or the device is utilized to make an emergency 9-1-1 call. Additionally, this policy restriction is not applicable for motor vehicles that are parked on School Board property or vehicles parked in a pick-up line awaiting dismissal.
4. Nothing in this policy shall abrogate the requirements of School Board policy related to the operation of motor vehicles.