



# Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

BP 5131.8

## Students

### Electronic Signaling Devices

The Huntington Beach Union High School District acknowledges the importance of electronic communication between students and parents in school-wide and community emergency situations. Further, the district recognizes that instructional time is valuable and must be protected from unnecessary disruption.

Therefore, students shall be permitted to have in their possession an electronic signaling device on campus during the school day and/or while attending school-sponsored activities during the school day. Such devices shall be deactivated and their use strictly prohibited during the regular school day except:

- during an emergency affecting the school or community
- upon written direction from a licensed physician or surgeon if carrying such a device is essential to, and the use is limited specifically to, the health of the student.

Electronic signaling devices include any device that operates through the transmission or receipt of radio waves, including, but not limited to pagers, cellular telephones, and two-way radios. In permitting student possession of such devices, the district assumes no liability for the loss, theft or damage of the device or its misuse by another person.

With prior permission of the Superintendent or designee, individual schools may modify this policy or apply the policy to co-curricular activities or to school activities beyond the school day.

### Legal reference:

Education Code section 48901.5 – Electronic Signaling Devices

SB 1253 - Cell Phones in Schools

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