

General Personnel Policy Statement**RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF COMMUNICATION AND DATA TRANSMISSION DEVICES**

School bus drivers shall not use or operate any communication or data transmission device while operating a school bus as provided in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, *Transportation-Specific Procedures*.

All other M-DCPS employees, except school police, are prohibited from using or operating any communication or data transmission device, unless used hands-free, while operating a school district owned or provided vehicle. This rule does not apply to the use of a cellular radio telecommunication device that has a two-way radio service owned and operated by the school district, when the device is used as a two-way radio.

In an emergency, all employees may use a hand-held communication or other data transmission device while operating a school district owned or provided vehicle to communicate with an emergency response operator, 911 public safety communications dispatcher, a hospital or emergency room, an ambulance or fire department rescue service, a fire department, or a police department. All employees may also use a hand-held communication or other data transmission device to call for assistance in the event of a mechanical breakdown or other mechanical problem that impairs the safe operation of the vehicle.

Employees who violate this rule are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to School Board Rules.

Specific Authority: 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(10)(26) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(1)(5)(7)(26); 1001.43(9)(10), F.S.

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