

Definition

A “paging device” is a telecommunications device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. The term does not include an amateur radio under the control of an operator who holds an amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

Paging Devices Policy

A board may adopt a policy prohibiting students from possessing paging devices while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities on or off school property.

Penalties

The policy may establish disciplinary measures to be imposed for violation of the prohibition and may provide for confiscation of the paging device.

Disposal

A district policy may provide for:

1. Disposal of a confiscated paging device in any reasonable manner, provided the student’s parent and the paging company whose name and address appear on the device are given 30 days’ notice of the intent to dispose of the device. Such notice may be made by telephone, telegraph, or in writing, and must include the serial number of the device.
2. Charging the owner of the device or the student’s parent an administrative fee of not more than \$15 before it releases the device.

Education Code 37.082

Calculator Application

A district shall permit a student enrolled in a course that requires the student to use a graphing calculator to use a calculator application on a computing device, including a personal, laptop, or tablet computer, that provides the same functionality, unless the district makes available to the student a graphing calculator at no cost to the student.

A district may adopt policies related to student use of a computing device for purposes of a calculator application. To the extent Education Code 25.904 conflicts with Education Code 37.082 [see Paging Devices Policy, above], Education Code 25.904 prevails.

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