

TELEPHONES

The Commerce Board of Education recognizes that telephone communications by staff and students are occasionally necessary. However, classes must not be interrupted for routine telephone calls.

School staff may possess, without permission, wireless telecommunications devices on school property or while attending any school-sponsored activities on or off school property. Wireless telecommunications devices include, but are not limited to, beepers, pagers, and cellular telephones. Devices should be turned off while teachers are in their instructional setting with students. Devices may not be used while the teacher or other staff are in control of students unless needed for an emergency or needed for duties and responsibilities of that position. Devices that include imaging capabilities shall not be utilized to take any photographs or create digital images on school premises.

Therefore, the superintendent is directed to establish a regulation to provide reasonable access to telephones for both students and staff.