

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION NO. 5131**

ADOPTED: 3/24/03

CLASSIFICATION: Students

REVISED:

SUBJECT: Conduct

CONFISCATION OF ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES

The Board acknowledges that there are reasons for students to possess electronic signaling devices (pagers, beepers, cellular telephones, etc.) while on campus. While the Board authorizes the possession of these signaling devices, it also recognizes that their use can disrupt the instructional process that is provided in the classroom and at school functions. Therefore the following procedures shall be implemented:

1. Electronic signaling devices may be in the possession of students
2. Students shall have the signaling devices turned off during school hours.
3. Should a student receive a phone call or page during school hours or at school related activities, the device shall be confiscated by certificated or classified staff members and given to an administrator who will return it to the student at the end of the day. A second infraction will result in the signaling device being confiscated and the parent shall meet with the principal or the principal's designee in order to retrieve the device. A third infraction will result in an in-house suspension with the permission to possess a signaling device being revoked until the end of the semester.
4. The Ventura County Superintendent of Schools assumes no responsibility for the protection, loss or damage to any electronic signaling device.
5. Students may possess and use an electronic signaling device at any time if the device has been determined to be essential for the health of the pupil. Prior written permission by the principal or principal's designee is required.