

Use of Communication and Tablet Devices on Bus**DISTRICT RADIO PROCEDURES**

The two-way radios licensed to the District by the FCC and installed in school buses and administrative offices provide instant communications for daily operations and are vital during inclement weather and emergencies. The radio is to be used for District business only and is not to be used for personal messages.

Personal radios are not to be used on a public-owned school bus. The use of cellular telephones is also prohibited on school buses. This includes, but is not limited to, any electronic device that would divert a driver's attention from safely operating the bus. When students are not aboard the bus and the bus is parked, a driver may step away from the driving area and uses an electronic device if he or she has free time.

TABLET DEVICES

The District may install tablet devices as part of routing, GPS, and pre-trip systems. These systems shall have the ability to go dark and silent when the vehicle is in motion. The tablet shall be removable and be firmly secured in place when in its mount. The tablet shall be mounted in a safe location that does not interfere with the driver's view of the roadway, mirrors, or component controls.

REFERENCES:

702 KAR 5:060

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