

**USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES BY CENTENNIAL BOCES
TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE OPERATORS**

While the Board believes the use of wireless communication devices by Centennial BOCES transportation vehicle operators is important to provide instant communication regarding emergencies as well as to convey other important information, vehicle operators shall be subject to the following restrictions to ensure safe use.

For purposes of this policy, wireless communication device is defined as any device intended to facilitate communication, including but not limited to cell phones, two-way radios, walkie talkies, beepers, pagers, etc.

Vehicle operators shall not place or receive communications on any personally owned wireless communication device while passengers are loading or unloading from Centennial BOCES transportation vehicle or while the vehicle is in motion.

Under usual circumstances, use of Centennial BOCES owned wireless communication devices shall be allowed when used to assist a vehicle operator and/or dispatcher in the necessary communications periodically needed to safely deliver students – home to school, school to school and school to home. Use of such devices while the vehicle is in motion shall be limited whenever possible.

Violation of this policy may subject the vehicle operator to disciplinary action.

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 42-4-239 (using a wireless telephone for text messaging while driving is prohibited)
1 CCR 301-26, Rule 4204-R-232.00 (rules governing operation of school transportation vehicles—use of cell phones/two way radios)

CROSS REF.: EEAE, Transportation Safety

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