

# Corvallis School District 509J

Code: **EGACA**  
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## Cell Phones

The Board recognizes that the use of cell phones may be appropriate to provide for the effective and efficient operation of the district, and to help ensure safety and security of district property, staff, and others while on district property or engaged in district-sponsored activities. To this end, the Board authorizes the purchase and employee use of cell phones, as deemed appropriate by the superintendent.

District-owned cell phones shall be used for authorized district business purposes, consistent with the district's mission and goals. Personal use of such equipment is prohibited except in emergency situations. Employees do not have any expectations of privacy with district-owned cell phones or any information stored on them; the phone may be confiscated and searched at any time. Employee use of a district-owned cell phone shall not violate Oregon's ethics laws.

If an employee's cell phone purchase is reimbursed by the district, or the employee is provided a stipend to purchase a cell phone, all phone records, text messages, emails to and from the cell phone, and other communications made with the cell phone may be public records.

Cell phones privately owned by an employee used for district business purposes may be subject to public records law. Documents and information, including e-mail and texts, generated, sent, or received may become discoverable evidence if a public records request is made or a lawsuit is filed against the district.

At no time will cell phones be used in a manner that interferes with staff duties and responsibility for the supervision of students.

Use of cell phones in violation of Board policies, administrative regulations and/or state and federal laws may result in discipline up to and including dismissal and/or referral to Oregon Government Ethics Commission and law enforcement officials, as appropriate.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 244.010](#)

[ORS 244.020\(15\)](#)

[ORS 244.040\(1\)\(a\)](#)

[ORS 244.120](#)

[ORS 332.105](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

Davidson v. Or. Gov't Ethics Comm'n, 300 Or. 415 (1985)

OR. GOV'T STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMM'N, ADVISORY OPINIONS 02S-020 (Aug. 2, 2002), 02A-1008 (July 12, 2002), 01A-1004 (June 1, 2001) and 98A-1003 (July 9, 1998).