

Multnomah Education Service District

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Cellular Telephones

MESD-owned cellular telephones may be purchased and authorized for staff use in accordance with the following:

A. Cellular Telephone Authorization

Cellular telephones may be assigned or made available on a temporary basis by the service area director when it is determined that:

1. The assignment of a cellular telephone to the employee is a prudent use of MESD resources;
2. The employee's job responsibilities require the ability to communicate frequently and access to an MESD or public telephone is not readily available; and
3. The employee's job responsibilities involve situations where immediate communication is necessary to ensure the security of MESD property or safety of students, staff or others while on MESD property or engaged in MESD sponsored activities.

B. Cellular Telephone Use

1. Cellular telephones are provided specifically to carry out official MESD business when other means of communications are not readily available.
2. Cellular telephones are not to be used when a less costly alternative is readily available, unless as otherwise necessary for safety or emergency circumstances or where the phone assigned is in lieu of a desk phone.
3. Personal use of cellular telephones is limited to making or receiving calls for family emergency purposes, including contacting a family member or child-care provider to advise that the employee is going to be late arriving home or picking up children for a reason directly related to his/her official MESD duties, i.e., a meeting which runs later than expected or a last minute schedule change. Where the cellular phone is assigned in lieu of a desk phone, personal use is restricted to lunch, breaks or other such times when the employee is not on duty.
4. Cellular telephones are to be used with discretion for conversations involving MESD information of a confidential nature.
5. Cellular telephones are not to be loaned to others not employed by MESD.

6. Employees issued cellular telephones are responsible for its safekeeping at all times. Defective, lost or stolen cellular telephones are to be reported immediately to the immediate supervisor who will in turn notify technology services.
7. Cellular telephones issued for employee use are to be returned to the service area at the conclusion of the fiscal year, activity, or as otherwise specified.

C. Privately-Owned Cellular Telephones

1. MESD employees may be reimbursed for use of privately owned cellular telephones to conduct MESD business in accordance with Board policy and this regulation, with prior approval of the service area director or designee.
2. Subject to the conditions in Section A, the department cabinet director may also agree to provide a standard monthly stipend for MESD business use of privately-owned cellular telephones, in lieu of the reimbursement process, not to exceed \$20 per month.
3. Personal use of privately-owned cellular telephones by employees authorized to use such equipment for MESD business is restricted to lunch, breaks or other such times when the employee is not on duty.

D. Reimbursement

1. Requests for reimbursement for authorized use of employee-owned cellular telephones are to be submitted on MESD-provided forms, available through the office and accompanied by a copy of the billing statement with the MESD business-related calls highlighted. A notation for each highlighted entry, indicating the nature of the call, is required.
2. All requests for reimbursement, including the highlighted billing statement, must be submitted within 30 days of the end of the time period for which reimbursement is requested, or quarterly with advance approval from the director.
3. MESD reimbursement for authorized use of employee-owned cellular telephones will be made in conformance with MESD payment procedures.
4. Agreements to pay monthly stipends for MESD business use of privately-owned cellular telephones will be re-evaluated as needed, but at least annually. Such agreements will always be re-evaluated with a change in assignment, job description, location and/or supervisor.