

REGULATION - BUS DRIVER USE OF CELL PHONE

Safety will always be the priority while driving a school bus. The mobile radio installed on all school buses will be the primary communication system for RSU 19 school bus drivers. If the mobile bus radio fails, and the bus driver has a critical reason for using a cellular phone while performing bus-operating duties, the driver will depart the roadway, stop the bus in a safe area, and then use the cellular phone.

District staff will refrain from calling bus drivers during their morning (6:15 AM – 8:30 AM) and afternoon (2:00 PM – 4:30 PM) bus routes. Cell phone numbers of bus drivers are not to be given to parents, students, etc. by district staff. Drivers shall not use any wireless communication device anytime the school bus is moving, with or without students on board.

Disciplinary action for bus drivers using cell phones inappropriately:

- First Offense - Written reprimand.
- Second Offense - Written reprimand - 5 day suspension without pay.
- Third Offense - Termination of employment.

Reporter of violation must disclose date, time, and place of violation as well as the name of the reporter for the report to be acted upon.

Bus drivers will sign an acknowledgement form that they have received copies of the Employee Use of Cell Phones Policy and Regulation.